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Capt Stephen Badlam's

Company of Artillery

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As it is the first wish of the General to have the
Cause of the army Conducted without Passionate Resentments
accomplish which Every officer and Soldier is to Exert
(as it is in his Power) He will Reward Such as Peculiarly
Distinguish themselves; At the Same time he Declares
he will punnish Every kind of Neglect, or misbehaviour
in an Exemplary manner. As the Great Variety of
Occurrances, & the Multiplicity of Business, in which
the General is necessarily Engaged, may withdraw his
Attention from many Objects and things which might
be improved to advantage; He takes this opportunity
of Declaring, that he will thank any Officer, of
whatsoever Rank, for any Useful Point, or profitable
Information; But to avoid Trivial matters (as his
time is very much ingrossed) he Requires that it
may be Introduced through the Channel of a General
Officer; who is to Weigh the Importance before he
Communicates it.

All Standing Orders heretofore issued for the Government
of the late Army (of which every Regt has or ought
to have Copies) are Strictly to be complied with untill
Changed or Countermanded. Every Regt now upon
the New Establishment is to give in Signd by the
Colo or Commanding officer an Exact List of the
Commissioned officers in Order that they may receive
Commissions; Particular care to be taken that no
Person is included as officer but Such as have ber
Corps

Appointed by Proper Authority any attempt of
that kind, in the New Army will bring
Severe Punnishment upon the Author.
The General will upon any Vacancy that may happ
Recommendations and give them Proper Consideration,
But the Congress alone are Competant to the appoint-
-ment. An Exact Return of the Strenght of
Each Regt is to be given in as Soon as Possible, Distin-
guishing the Number of Militia, and Such of the
Old Regts as have Joyned for a month only.
From the Establishd men of the new Regts
This being the day of the Commencement of the
New Establishment the General Orders all the
Offences of the Old and Common Prisoners except
Prisoners of war immediately be Released.

Head Quarters January 2d 1776

That Every officer may be Perfectly well Acquainted
with the Establishment of the Present Army,
in order that they may govern, by it, & Make the
returns agreeable thereto, The General informs
them that Each Regt is to consist of a Colonel
Lt Colonel, and Major, 8 Companies an Adjutant
Quartermaster, a Surgeon & Surgeons mate,
Whither a Chaplin will be allowed to Every Regt
or

Or one to two Regts is yet to be Determined ——
Each Company is to Consist of 1 Captain a first
& Second Lieutenant, an Ensign 4 Serg.ts 4 —
Corporals, 2 Drum & fife & 76 Privates and no
more on any Pretence whatsoever ——
As the weekly Returns which are Ordered to be
made on Saturdays are frequently mad; not before
Monday; — The General Desires that the Com-
manding officer of Every Corps, will be Exact —
in Delivering them to their Respective Brigade
Major Every Saturday at Orderly time, who are
to be Answerable to the adjutant General for any
Neglect of this order. — For the Last time it is —
strongly Recommended to Each officer to Examine —
their Returns Thoroughly before they Sign and de-
liver them to the Majors of Brigade, — Whether —
Pay Rolls, Muster Rolls, weekly Returns, or Returns of
any other kind that are Demanded, — the Negligance
will not be over Look'd, — and false Returns pun-
nish'd with the utmost Severity ——
The General is apprehensive, that more men are
Absent on Furlough than are Allowed by Gen.l
Order, (if So) he Desires the Colls and Command-
ing officers of Such Regts to Rectify the mistakes
without Loss of time ——

For —

For a Due Regulation of this Matter in future
no Soldier is to be absent without Leave in Writing
Sign'd by the Commanding Officer of the Regt
he belongs to and a Register thereof Made in a
Regimental Book which Furloughs is to be de-
livered to the D. Commanding Officer So Soon as
he Returns; And if it Should appear that any
Soldier has Over Stay'd his time without just
Reason; — A note thereof is to be made in Said Book
And a Furlough Denied him upon any future
Application; — Besides Suffering Such Punnishment
As may by a Regimental Court Martial be Ordered

January 3d

Head Quarters Cambridge Genl Orders. The
Continental Rules & Articles (which has Lately
ben Amended for the Better Government of the
Troops of the 13 United Colonies) are now to Take
Place; — All Trials therefore, are to be under these
Articles; And in Compliance with the first, —
All Officers are to be Subservient to them. —
Each Col. or Commanding officer of a Regt. or
Corps is to apply to the Adjutant Genl for a
Set for Each Company, and one for himself and

Officers to Subscribe; which Lists is to be Returnd in when the Commissions are given out, The Articles are to be Read to the Men by an Officer of the Company, at Least once a Month, This to be Considered as a Standing Order. ——

The Commissary of Stores is immediately to make a General Return, of all the Stores under his care here and at Roxbury; in Doing which he is to be Very Exact; an Account of the Arms is wanted without Delay. — It was with no Small Degree of Surprize! That the General yesterday Saw, After the Repeated Orders that have ben Issued for having the Tents (So Soon as the Barracks were fit to Enter) Returnd to the Quarter master Genl., Several of them Standing; in an an unhabited, and in a Disgrace full an Ruineous Situation; and moreover hears, that others Serve only for Bedding! The Officers — who Suffered this Neglect will please, to be informed, That this is the Last Admonition that will be given on this head. ——

Tis Expected that the Commanding Officers of Regts will be exceeding ly attentive, to the Training Exercises & Discipline, of their men: bringing them Regiamted as Soon as possible with the Different Evolutions, and Manoeuvres necessary to

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be Practis'd: as nothing Reflects more Disgrace upon an Officer, or is more Pernicious, & dangerous in its Self, than Suffering arms to be in bad Order: The General Assures the Officers and Men, that he will never overlook, or Pard on any Neglect of this kind.

There are many practises in the Regular Service highly worthy ~~of~~ of Immitation: but none more Essential than this:— And keeping Soldiers always Cleans & neat: The first is absolutely necessary for Self Preservation, the other for health and appearance; for if a Soldier cannot be Induced to take Some pride in his person; he Soon becomes a Slover—and Indifferant in every thing Else.—

Whilst we have men therefore who in every respect are Superior, to Mercinary Troops, that are fighting for two pence, or three pence a Day only, Why cannot we in appearance be Equal to them? When we fight for Lives, Liberty & Property, and our Country.—

The Companies now Stationed in Cambridge—belonging to Colo. Prescotts Regt. are to March—immediately; and to Join their Regt. at Sewels Point.— The Companies that are now Stationed at Sewels point under the Command of—

Major Preston are immediately to march, & take Post at, fort N.E one. —

Regimental Orders. —

That Every Orderly Sergeant of the Artilery Quartered in or Near Cambridge attend at the Adjutants Room at two O: Clock Every Day and there to Receive Orders.

January 4th — no Orders —

January 5th —

Head Quarters General Orders —

The Majors of Brigad to Order the Adjutants to be Exact in making their weakly Returns, of the Strength of each Regt; also a Separate Return of the Number inlisted the Course of this weak, at Orderly time to morrow; & Weekly to be according to the form Lately Sent by the Adjutant General. The Regimentals which have ben made up & Drawn for, may be deliverd to the Respective Colle — by the Quarter M: Genl (or to the the Order of those Colonels who Drew them) at Such prices as they have Cost the Continant, Which is much Cheaper — than Could otherwise be Obtained. As nothing adds more to the appearance of a man than Dress, and a — Proper Degree of Cleanliness in his person; The Genl — hopes and expects, that Each Regt will Continue for

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Most Soldier like Appearance. He is Sorry very Desirous of having the men instructed, as Speedily as possible in all parts of their Duty: & recommends it to all the Colls to be very Carefull in the Choice of their Noncommissioned Officers: & to the Capts to Divide their Companies into Small Squads, & appointing a Sergeant, and Corporal to Each, from which the utmost Diligence is Expected; Those Sergts and Corporals are by no means to Suffer the Arms and Accutriments of any man in their Squad, to be Dirty or unfit for Use; And as far as in them Lies to make the Men appear Neat and Clean; & Soldier like; Neglect of Duty in these instances they may Rely upon it, will Reduce them to the Ranks. & these Orders are not intend to Exempt the Commanding officers of the Companies, from the Strictest Attention to these things; on the contrary it Serves to Shew the General Solicitude in having the men and their Arms appear in the best Order; — it is hoped they will Double their Diligence. —

If Coll Brew Accepts the appointment of Barrack Master; he is to Proceed Directly to Discharge the duty of that office: (And as the first Business to be done in an army is with the D. Master of Each Regt) he is to See that the Number of men for-which Barracks were Design'd, are immediately Quartered therein, Keeping the Regt together as much-

Much as Possible, and Every Tent Delivered to the
Quartermaster Gen.ᵃˡ as Store
The Regimental Q. Masters and their Sergᵗˢ, are
to Cause Proper Necessaries to be Erected at Convenient
Distances from the Barracks in which the men are
are Lodged, and See that these Necessaries are
frequently filld up; any person who Shall be Dis-
covered Easing himself Elsewhere is to be instantly
Confined, and Brought Before a Regimental Court
Martial; they are to cause also the filth and garbage
about the Barracks to be Removed and Buried; —
In Short it is in a Particular manner the Duty
of the Quartermaster, to See that the Barracks are
kept Clean and Sweet, and the Victuals Properly
Prepared; And although it is the Particular
business of the Quarter master and the Sergeant
to See this Done, it Equally Necessary, and the duty
of the other officers to Look into this Business,
as toomuch Care can not be used in the
matter where the Health of the men So much
Depends upon it.

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January 6th 1776

General Orders. The General is informed that a Custom hath Prevail'd at the Main Guard in Cambridge of permitting Prisoners to be absent upon their Parolle, He therefore Orders a Total Stop to put to this Practice: for the future any Officer offending herein, will immediately be put in Arrest, & Tried for Disobedience of Orders.

Frequent Application Mayo at Roxbury, having been found Troublesome: and at the Same time Attended with Inconvenience: Major Genl Ward is Requested; to Suffer no more than one a week to go in, unless it be on Special occations, & this to happen on Thursday? At which time he will Appoint a Proper Officer always to Attend.

January 7th

General Orders. The Adjutant Genl will this Day deliver to the Brigad Majors, the Number of the New Articles of war, necessary for Each Regt in their Respective Brigades & See that no Mistake in Regard to the Articles may possibly happen, Each Book is Signd by the Honourable John Hancock Esqr, President of the Continental Congress: and Countersigned upon

upon the Title Page by William Tudor Esq.
Judg Advocate to the Army of the United Colonies

January 8th

General Orders. It is Exceeding astonishing to the General, that he is yet without those Returns; which were Called for, on the first & 2nd & third Instant: It is impossible that the Business of an Army can be Conducted, with any Degree of Regularity or Propriety, where so much inattention provails: he Desires that the Commanding officers of such Regts — as are conscious of these Neglects, in the instances now refered to, will take notice and be fully Perswaded that if these Returns are not made at or before Orderly Time Tommorrow, that they will be Order'd under an Arrest, and Tried for Disobedience of Orders. ——————

January 9th

General-Orders. The General thanks Major Knowlton, and the Officers and Soldiers who were under his command Last night, for the Spirited Conduct & Secrecy with which they Burnt the Houses near the Enemies works —

Works upon Bunkers hill. The General was in a more particular manner Pleased with the Resolution the Party Discovered, in not firing a Shot. As nothing betrays greater Signs of fear, and Less of the Soldier, than to Begin a Loose, and Irregular, unmeaning fire, from whence no good Can Result, nor any Valuable purpose be Answered; It is almost Certain that the Enemy will attempt to Revenge the Insult which was Cast upon them Last night; for which Reason the Greatest Vigilence and Care is Recommended, as it also is, that the out Posts be always Guarded by Experienced officers and good Soldiers, who are to be Considered in other Duties. ——

It is also again, & again Ordered that the Men are not Suffered to Ramble from or be out of their Quarter, Contrary to Repeated Orders on this head; and that their Arms and Accoutrements be always in Order. ——

To Remove Present Doubts, and Prevent future Mistakes, it is hereby Expressly ordered and directed; that no Person Do Proceed to Discharge the Duty of any office without Regular — Appointment, by Command from the Congress-

Warrants, or General Orders from the Commander in Chief; no Allowance will be made to any who act Contrary to this Order; All persons therefore for there own Sakes, are desired to take Notice of it, and govern themselves Accordingly; that no Complaints may hereafter be Exhibited for Services unrewarded. ——

January 10.th

General Orders His Excellency General Washington has ben Pleasd to appoint Mr. William Meroney Provost Master, to the Army, of the United Colonies, Serving in the Massachusetts Colonies. He is therefore in all things Appertaining to his office, to be Considered, and Obeyd as Such. ——

January 11.th

Comy Orders. The Captain is Sorry (at the Morning & Evening Roll Calls) to see that a Number in his Company are frequently absent from their Posts without Leave; Contrary to all good Order and Discipline, & the Repeated Orders of the General; For the future any Noncomissioned Officer or Soldier (in this Company) so offending Shall

Shall Do one Tour of Extraordinary duty on Guard; At the Same time This Punishment, this [illegible] is not to be Esteemed, [illegible] Equal to the offence; he only gives these Orders, untill [illegible] Some Regimental, or General Orders be given on this head

He also Observes that the [illegible] Idle, Sordid Custom of Playing at Cards; is Prevailing among the members of his Company and wishes to See it totally Neglected: This Custom (however Simple and harmless it may Seem in-its Self) Leads to a Variety of dangerous Practices, And can Serve no other end than to pass away Time, Which might be Infinitely better Spent in Learning to Write and Cypher, or obtaining usefull knowledge! If any in the Company will be So wise as (instead of Playing at Cards, & other unlawfull Gaming) to Learn Something more to their advantage, He Promises them all the assistance his time will admit of; Considering how much other Business is upon his hands

Genl Orders

January 12th 1776

General Orders. His Excellency the General having been Pleased to Order an Advertisement, in the News Papers, of this and the Adjoining Colonies, Commanding all Officers Noncommissioned Officers, & Soldiers, now absent upon Leave or any Pretence whatsoever, to Joyn their Respective Regts at Roxbury & Cambridge, by the first Day of Febry Next: All Officers Neglecting to pay Due obedeance thereto, will forthwith be Cashiered, and Every Noncommissioned officer and Soldier, failing therein shall be tryed and Punnished as Deserters: the Colonels and Commanding officers of Regts and Corps are now Positively Ordered, not to grant any new Furloughs or Leave of absence, to any Officer Noncommissioned officer or Soldier, any former Orders, or Permission heretofore given Notwithstanding; His Excellency therefore expects Every Colonel & Commanding Officer of Regts, & Corps, will Direct all those att the[m] absent from their Regts to pay strict obedeance to this Order, that no Person may Plead, or be alowed to Plead Ignorance thereof.

General Orders January 13th 1776

To Prevent any Prescription of the Orders of Yesterday

Yesterday, It is Declared that the Commanding Officers of Regts are not Restrained, from Sending out as many Recruiting Officers as can be Spared, from the Duty of their Respective Regts; But that those Officers together with those that have Out with their Recruits be Possibly Ordered, to be in Camp by the Last of this Month, that our Real Strength may fully and Clearly Appear and; It is Expected that each Regt will Exert themselves to the Utmost, to Recruit what men they can in time Mentioned.

The Colonel and Commanding Officers of Corps To Recommand it Directly to their Recruiting Officers, to get all their Recruits armed in the Country, or as many as its Possible Supplied with Arms from thence.

Janry 14th

General Orders — A General Court Martial Martial to Sit tomorrow at Cambridge to Try Such Prisoners as Shall be brought before them. All Evidences Comand to attend the Court; The Court to Assemble at Mr Pumroys at 10 O Clock in the fore Noon.

January 15th Orders

Jan^{y} 16th

General Orders — Notwithstanding the repeated Orders I have Issued in the Course of Last Campaign forbiding Officers Commanding Guards, to Suffer any of their Officers to be absent Day or night from their Guard, untill Regularly Relieved, Yet it is with Surprize the General Hears, that it is a Common Practice even of the Severall Posts Next the Enemy, Any — Officer Commanding at any of the Guards, or Joint Posts who, Shall for the Future Suffer any of their Officers or Men to be absent untill Regularly Relieved will be Put in Arrest and Tryed for — Disobedience of Orders ———

January 17 & 18th

General Orders — Samuel Nason Quarter Master in Co^{l} Prescotts Reg^{t}, Tried at a late Gen^{l} Court Martial Whereof Colonel Peterson was President, For Defrauding the Soldiers of their — Allowance of Bread, is Acquitted: The General Orders the Quartermaster to be Released from his Arrest.

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January 19th

General Orders — One Sergeant one Corporal & 12 Men from General Putnams Division to Mount tomorrow morning for the Provost Guard, at the old the School House on Cambridge Common; To this Guard all prisoners Accused of Crimes, Cognizable by a Genl Court Martial, are to be sent, All Suspected Spies, all Stragglers & Strowlers, who cannot Give a proper Account of themselves; The Guards to be under the Immediate Command of the provost, and he is only to Receive Orders from head Quarters, The Genll in Chief, The Adjutant and Quartermaster Generals, for the Time being.

January 20th No Orders

Head Quarters Cambridge Jany 21st 1776

Gen.l Orders } The Col.o or Commanding
Officer of Each Reg.t is forthwith to send
One or Two Prudent Sensible Officers
To buy up such arms as are wanted for
His Reg.t Those Officers also to be good
Judges of Arms and They are Directed to
Purchase None but such as are Proper
And in the best Repair and if possible to
Get them with Bayonets But not to Reff-
-use a Good Firelock without the Bayonet
Going upon this Duty are to be furnish'd
With Cash from there Respective Col.o or Commanding
Officers Out of the money Design'd for the
Months advance pay for the Recruits
Which money will be Replac'd if wanted
The Names of the Officers Sent upon this
Business with The sums advanc'd them are to
Be Immediately Return'd to the Adjutant-
General By the Colonels Those Officers are
Not to be absent longer than the Fourth
Of February Next all Recruits who
Shall Furnish There own arms Provided

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They are Good shall be Paid one Dollar for the use of them, Shall have the Priviledge of Carrying them away when there time is Out and in Case they are Lost through the Neglect of there own, Shall be Paid Good Prices at the end of the Campaign

All Persons who having business with the Adjutant Genl. are to apply to him at his Office at the Entrance next to the Front of Head Quarters

Head Quarters Cambridge Jany 21st 1776

Genl Orders J The Major of Brigade to be at Head Quarters to morrow morning at 10 O Clock

Head Quarters Cambridge Jany 22d 1776

Genl Orders J Timothy Downing Tried by a Genl Court martial for stealing Being found Guilty Was sentenced to have ~~Two~~ Thirty Nine Lashes on his Bare Back with a Cat of Nine Tails & appears to the Court that the Prisoner is worthless and incorrigable They Order him to be Drumd out of the army

The Court of Inquiry to sit on Tuesday morning at Genl Greens upon Prospect hill to Examine into a Complaint Exhibited against Col Starke of the 57th Regt of Foot by Sam Hubart Esqr Pay Master

Of the New hampshire Troops all Evidences and
Persons Concerned to Attend the Court for the above
Court Brigadier Gen.l & President Col. Nixon Col.
Hitchcock Col Webb and Col. Vernum members
The Judge advocate to attend the Court the Court
to Sit Precisely at Ten O Clock

Head Quarters Cambridge Jan.y 24th 1776

Gen.l Orders That Barracks are to be finished as
Speedy as Possible That the Militia Regts which are
Expected may be accommodated the Quarter master
Gen.l and his assistance are to Look out in season
for Other Quarters if the Barracks are thought
Insufficient to Entertain the Troops the Regts are
to be Brigaded in the Following manner Brigadier
Gen.l Thomas's Brigade Colos Joseph Reed
Whitcomb. Ward Bayley Brigadier Gen.l Heaths
Brigade Prescots Sergeant Phinney Gratons Baldins
Brigadier Gen.l Spencer Brigade Parsons Huntch-
-inson Webbs Willis's Brigadier Gen.l Sullivans
Brigade James Reeds Nixons Starks Poors Brigadier
Gen.l Greens Brigade Vernums Hitchcocks Littles
Bonds Brigadier Gen.l Brigade Glovers Patterson arnolds
Hutchinsons Whitcombs Webbs and Hutchinson Regts
are to join there Respective Brigade as soon as Provis.n
is made for it at any Rate Before the first Day of
February that they may get Just Before the
Militia Comes in the Brigadier and 2. Majors

General are to see that Each Brigade is as Compleatly Quartered as the Barracks will admit of the Barrack Master is to see that Each Rooms has its Compliment of men and the Officers to Rais'd Contigues to them. The Customs of manning the Lines and Each of the Regts Repairing to its Alarm post at the Revaille Beating is to be strictly Obey'd and Invariably Practis'd Until Countermanded the Brigadier Gent are to take Special Care that Proper Alarm Posts are appointed to Every Regt that no Confusion may arise upon an alarm Neither Provisions nor the Value nor be Ajhum'd to Officer or Soldier when on furlough are Always Consider'd as injurious to the Service but too often granted for the Gratification of Individuals the Officer Therefore not be at all surprized To find that it had Contrary to Custom and Common Justice be come a Question whether absentees that were not inlisted to the same allowance of Provision as if they were Present and Constantly Doing Duty

January 16th No Orders
January 25th No Orders

January 26th 1776

Capt Stephen Badlam was Ordered to repair to Newyork, and without fail to be there in six days, & take the Command of the Artillery there under the direction of General Charles Lee.

NB Said Badlam being absent from the main Army Received his Orders at Newyork until he was Ordered from thence to Canada April 20th 1776

After page 87 See Orders at Newyork ~~of~~ those which were given at Cambridge in the absence of said Badlam are copied in this book in part

Head Quarters Jan^{y} 26th 1776

General orders. The Captains or Commanding officers of y^{e} Malitia Companies, are to have their pay Rools ready in order for payment, the General having Borrowed So much Money as will answer this purpo^{s} Rather than Suffer them to go home without; — In making out the pay abstracts the following Method is to be observ^{d}: upon one Side of an Entire Sheet of paper, is to be the Roll or Names of officers, and men of the whole Company; the other Side or Back of this is to be the pay abstract, in the Usual form; at the foot of the abstract, is to be a Deduction of the money which has ben advanced to any of the Company^{s} by [illegible] justice of the [illegible] demand this being Necesary in the Generals Justification in Drawing the Warants; the Captains: be are to be particularly Carefull Not to Charge pay, for any of the men that Inlisted into any other Regiments, after Such Inlistment took place, as the pay of Such men will be Drawn by the Coll^{o} of the Reg^{t} they are Now in, and Reffectively Belonging to. — The form of y^{e} oath & warant as it would take time to Draw y^{e} whole at head Quarters; may be Seen at the adjutant Gensals office for Each Company to apply; the Newhampshire malitia are to be allowed one peny a mile for Coming and Going in Lieu of Rations as this allowance has already been made by the Massechusets Governm^{t} to their Malitia — with the three Colonels of his Brigade viz Learnard Bailey and ward, are to Repair to head Quarters tomorow by Eleven Oclock to have the Comisions for Those Regiments Issued &c

Head Quarters Cambridge Janry 25th & 28th 1776

General Orders as the General has Consented & Desires that the Militia May Draw the Same pay as y Continental troops, the officers of the Companys are hereby Informed that Since the first of January the pay will be the Same as those officers of Equal Rank upon the New Establishment, before that Date, no more than what was Drawn under y old Establishment Can be allowed them; of this they are to take particular Notice, that no Mistake May happen.

When the Militia are Discharged, the Collonels or Commanding officers of Regiments, with whoom they have Done Duty are to take Special Care, that Every ounce of amunition is Received from them, belonging to the publick that also Such men as Joined their Regiment for a Month, if any man attempts to Cary of a Single Grain of amunition not known to be his own he will be pursued and brought back & Severly punished. The Colonel or Comanding officers of Regiments are Required to buy any good arms which the militia may Voluntarily incline to Sell They are also to make Out the Abstract for those who Join there Regt for the month of January Conforming to the Month that Warrant may be Issued accordingly.

Brigadier Genl Heath with the Col. Of his Brigade to attend at Head Quarters to Morrow morning for Commissions to be filled up.

Regimental Orders

Regimental Orders

This of the utmost Importance that the Regt of Artillery in the Service of the United Colonies Should be with Regular Discipline

The Great Number of Posts which we are obliged to Occupy Necessary Cautions The Regt to be Drafts or Detact in Consequence of this the Commanding Officers of the artillery at the Different Posts Have much Greater call for the Exercise of every Military Ability then if the Regt was to gether they will have the Praise of it if the Detachments are Perfect in there Proper Exercise and they will have The Blame if On the Contrary they Either Neglect there Duty or Behave in an unsoldier like Manner Perhaps there never was a Period of Time in Which a good Officer Could Rather obtain the Grateful Applose of it Contrary that the Present the Col: is fully Persuaded the Officers of the Artillery Regt will not Loose the Present Opperteunity The Wishes harmony to Prevail in Every Company That the Officers of Experience would Carefully Communicate to the Younger and more Inexperienced Brethren that all there Officers in there Respective Spheres would inculcate to there non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers the Duty of there Stations and the advantages Necessarily of Subordination there Are Some Buildings to be Erected for the Company

Of Artillary Belonging to the Train which are Absolutely Nessessary to be Done Immediately The Board at Present incorporated upon there Business are Insufficient Therefore the Commanding Officer of Each Company North of Jewel Joint Artillery Will Send as soon as Possible the list of there Carpenters to the Aquitant who will Report them to there Colonel the men will be wanted only for a few Days and are not to be sent until further Orders the men Employ'd on this Business will Be allowed at the Rate of Twenty Shilling P. month Additional Wages

Head Quarters Cambridge Jan. y 29th 1776

Gen.l Orders Some Doubt having arisen among the Militia Company Whither the Two Subs are to be Paid as Lieutenants or Ensigns the General Informs them that he Cannot where there are only Two Subs in a Company Consider the Younger of them as Intitled to more than Ensigns Pay as they were all Last Campaign notwithstanding they are Denominated Second Lieutenant and Before the Rule may be made out accordingly the Col. Or Commanding officer of the Regiment of his Brigade in Order to Obtain Commissions for the Officers

Regimental Orders} The Officers and Soldiers
of the Reg.t of Artillery at there Posts are Directed
to Turn Out Every Morning at the Revaille
Beating at there Respective alarm Posts they are
Ordered to Fix Immediately and make Report of
The Same the Same to the Col. Except the Posts
of Prospect and Winter hill Which are to be Visited
And Directed by Lieutenant Col. Mason who will
Report it to the Col. It has been Represented that
Too many of the Officers are absent from there
Posts at a Time it is hereby Ordered that on no
Pretence what Ever that more than two Officers
Be absent from there Posts at one Time the particu-
-lar situation of the Posts are such that Require
these Orders to be Obeyed the Officers of there Posts
On the Distance of winter and Prospect hills
are to apply for Leave to Col Mason and at
Roxbury to Major Crane and Those at Cambridge
To the Col. The Officer Commanding at Jesels point
From the Local situation of the Posts is Excepted
On this Arrangement he therefore is to be accoun-
-table for the Conduct of his Officer Relieved is not
to be understood to Extend furloughs they are to be
Granted to Only the Col. of the Service Is such that
The Reg.t of Artillery ought to be Particularly
Expert in the Use of Cannon Therefore it is Hereby
Expressly Ordered that the Commanding Officer
Of Each Company To Exercise the Cannon

39 Th there Respective Posts Three a Day Excepting Stormy Weather and Every Officer is Particularly Desired to attend

Head Quarters Cambridge Jany 31st 1776

Gen.l Orders } Richard Thompson of Capt
Nutting's Company in Col Prescots Regt to be tryed
At a Gen.l Court martial for Theft and Desertion
Is found Guilty of both those Crimes and Sentenced
To Receive Eighty nine Lashes for Each Crime and
Mulcted One Pound Four Shill.s and Eight Pence out
Of his Pay Twelve Shillings thereof to be Paid to
Samuel Sheyes and the Rest to be ~~Deducted~~ Paid to
To the Persons who brought the Prisoner back to the
Camp The Gen.l approves of the above Sentence and
Orders the Same to be put into Execution at such
Time and Place as the Commanding Officer of
The Regt shall think Proper

Regimental Orders

Benjamin Piper is Appointed Settler to the Post
Of the Regt of Artillery Station'd on Prospect
Hill and Winter Hill —— As there have been
Some Cannon Remov'd Neither any Return
Of the Same has been made the[m] Every Officer
Commanding at the Posts will make an Immediate Return of the Cannon in there Posts
Sizes and Quantity wheather Compleat in
Implements the Number of Charges which they
Have Ready made in Cartridges there nature

Whether Round Grape or Case the Carriage
On Which they are mounted whether Garrison's
Or Travelling New or Old the Officer on Prospect
and Winter Hills To Report to Lieu.t Col. Mason
Those at Roxbury to major Crane and Those
at Cambridge to the Colonel Major Crane is
also Desired to Inquire what Cannon those are
Department Not in use and to make Report

Head Quarters Cambridge Feb.y 1.st 1776

Reg.l Orders } The Officers Commanding
Companies are Directed to inquire
How many Blankets are wanting by there men
and to Apply to the D. M. Gen.l Stores Immediately
They first Getting an Order from the Col. also
They are to Let the Col. know as soon as possible
How many Buff Leather Breeches are wanting
By Each Company these are to be Considered as
Part of the Regimental Uniform and are always
To be kept Clean

John Rival is appointed Fife major to the Reg.l
Of artillery

The Returns have heretofore been made too late to
The Adjutant for to be Return'd in to the Adjutant
Gen.l in Proper time on Saturdays it is therefore
Directed, that the Captains make a particular
Return of the State of there Companies

Sign'd by them to the adjutant on Friday Morning this to be Punctually obey'd till Countermanded

Head Quarters Cambridge Feb.y 3.d 1776

Gen.l Orders } Lieutenant Dunstan of the 16th Regt of Foot Tried at a late Gen.l Court Martial Whereof Col.o Patterson was President for Cowardice On the 7th. Of January, when on Command with a Detachment Towards Bunkers hill is Unanimously Acquitted by the Court, The Gen.l Approves of the Proceedings and Orders Lieutenant Dunstan to be Releas'd from his Arrest.

The Gen.l Court Martial Whereof Col.o Patterson Was President is Dissolv'd

All Arms Purchas'd by the Officers Sent upon that Duty are to be first Deliver'd to Mr Commissary Cheever for Inspection who is to Report the Number and Goodness to the Gen.l Before any are Delivered out of the Store

Head Quarters Cambridge Feb.y 4.th 1776

Gen.l Orders } The Col.o of Each Reg.t to make a Return on Tuesday at orderly Time of the Number of arms Wanting to Compleat the Men Now in his Reg.t and to Signify the Method which Appears to him Most Likely to Procure Them

Gen.l Putnam. Gen.l Sullivan and Gen.l Green Who the Col.s of there Brigade to Attend at Head Quarters to morrow in the forenoon to Receive Commissions for there Officers

Head Quarters Cambridge Feb.y 5th 1776

Gen.l Orders. The Col.s upon the old Establishment Will this Day and Tomorrow Receive there Warrants for there Regt.s Abstracts for the Months of November and December of Which all Persons Concerned are to take Notice and Govern themselves Accordingly

For the Future when a Warrant is Granted and Paid for any Sum upon account of Pay of the Regt.s or Corps any of the Commanding Officers thereof there Will be no Allowance Afterwards for any Neglect or Supposed mistake It is the Duty of Every Col.o and Capt.n to be Exact in there Abstracts and Returns and the Consequence of Being Otherways must Fall upon themselves

Head Quarters Cambridge Feb.y 6th 1776

Gen.l Orders. The Court of Inquiry Where of Gen.l Green was President Appointed to Enquire into the Complaint of Col.o Hubbard

Pay master Gen.l Of the New Hampshire forces
Against Col.o Stark having Reported the
State of the Evidence Given in before them
By Which it Appears that Col.o Butterfield's Compl=
-aint were Well Founded all Further Proceed=
-ings are Suspended Col.o Stark having made
Such Acknowledgment to the Injured Parties
As Will in Probability be Excepted as Satisfactory

The Col.os or officers Commanding Each Regt are
to Examine Minutely into the Quantity and
Condition of their Ammunition and make a
Report of the Average number of Rounds
They are Possessed of to their Respective Brigadier
Without Delay and Immediately thereupon the
Brigadiers are to lay this their Report before the
Gen.l

The Armorours are Required to be Very Exact
and Diligent at their Business if they are
Known to do any Work for any Others
than Those of the Army they will be Brought
to Severe Punishments and if they Presume to
Charge a Soldier for any Regular Done to his
Arms they will be also Called to a Strict
Account

An Exact Report to be made of all the
Cartridges in the Different Magazine

Those Now Employ'd in making Cartridge
Are to be Constant and Diligent at their
Works ——

The Arms which have been Deliver'd out
Of the Publick Stores are not to be Put in
the hands of Commission Officers the
Col.os of the Several Reg.ts are to be Answerable
That this Order to be Strictly Attended too. ——

Head Quarters Cambridge Oct.r 7.th 1776

Gen.l Orders The Continental Congress
Having been Pleas'd to order and Direct that
There be but One Chaplain to Two Reg.ts and that
the Pay of Each Chaplain Shall be Thirty three
Dollars and One Third p.r Calender Month. ——
The Reverend Abiel Leonard is appointed
Chaplain to the Reg.t of Artillery under Col.o
Knox — and the Seventieth Reg.t Present Comm.
=ded by Lieutenant Col.o Dyke as there Can
Be but Fourteen Chaplains under this Estab=
=lishment to the Twenty Eighth Reg.t Including
The Artillery Rifle Reg.t and as Preference
Will Be Given to those Chaplains who Served
Last Year Provided there Conduct and Atten=
=dance have been Unexceptionable, the Brigadiers
Are to Enquire into the matter and with

The Col.s Or Commanding Officers of the several Reg.ts Arrange them Agreeable to the above Directions and make Report thereof that Orders may Issue Accordingly for there Approvement

The Commanding Officers of the Reg.ts upon the New Establishment are Each of them to Apply to Commissary Chever to morrow Morning for one Barrell of Powder and Proportionable Quantity of Ball and Cartridge Paper which they are to cause to be Immediately made up in Cartridges and Put in Proper Arms[illegible] According to the manner Commissary Chever will Give the Ammunition the Commanding Officers are to keep in a Safe Place under their Immediate Care to be Ready to be Delivered When Occation may Call for it being Distributed

A Gen.l Court Martial to Set to morrow morning in Cambridge to Try such Prisoners as Shall be Brought before them all Evidences Concerned to attend the Court to Assemble at Mr Pomroys at ten in the Forenoon

Head Quarters Cambridge Feb.y 9th 1776

Gen.l Orders} The Col.o of a Reg.t on no

Pretence to Licence more than one Sutler
With in his Limits of the Camp ——, as
the Quarter master Gen.ll has his Excellency's
Positively Order to Punish Severly any
Person Who is Unlicenc'd or Licence'd Contrary
To the above Orders ——————

If any of the Militia who are Order'd into the
Continental Army they are
Immediately to Join the Reg.t They Inlisted
Into and from that Day to be Struck
of the Militia Roles tho' there they may
From thence Forward Commence in the
Reg.t they Engag'd in and Serve in the Mili-
tia ——————

It is Expected that Proper Attention be paid
To this Order, as no Plea of Ignorance will be
Admitted Head Quarters Cambridge Feb.y 10th 1776

Reg.t Orders } The Officers Commanding Com-
panies are Directed to make a
Return by to morrow or monday morning at
Guilliard's of Such Goods taken Out of the
Continental Store there at Cambridge
Before the first of Jan.y which were

Design'd Absolutely for the New Reg.t that
The Accounts of the old and New Reg.ts
Be Properly Adjusted

Gen.l Greens to Furnish One Field Officer two Capt.s
four Subaltoons four Serjeant four Corporals
two Drums One hundred and Twenty men to
Releive the Guard to morrow morning upon
Cobble hill Gen.l Sullivans Brigade to Furnish the
Same Number of Officer and men to Relieve that
Guard on Monday morning and so Alternately by
Each Brigade till further Order

Robert Mc. Night of Capt.n Gleason Company
In Col.o Nixons Reg.t tried at a Gen.l Court
Martial Whereof Col.o Hutchinson was President
for Desertion and Inlisting in a Different
Reg.t Found Guilty by the Court and Adjudg'd to
Receive Thirty Nine Lashes upon the Bare
Back and be Fined Forth pounds out of his pay
to Repay Serjeant Masten what the Prisoner
Had Defrauded him of The Gen.l Approves of the
Sentence and Orders it to be Put into Execution
At such time and Place as the Commanding
Officer of the Reg.t Shall Think proper to appoint

Head Quarters Cambridge Feb.y 11.th 1776
Gen.l Orders Benjamin Goodman of

Captain Lesleys Company in Colo Prescotts Regt
Tried at a Gen.l Court Martial Whereof
Colo Huntington was President for Desertion is
found Guilty by the Court and sentenc'd to Rec-
-eive Twenty Lashes upon his Bare back the Gen.l
Approves of the sentence and Orders it to be put
into Execution at such time and Place as the
Commanding Officer of the Regt shall think
Proper to appoint

James Mc Comicks of Capt Farrington Company
In Colo Sergants Regt at the abovesd Gen.l Court
Martial for Assaulting Beating and Robbing
Samuel Masten Sergeant in Colo Poors Regt
is found Guilty by the Court and sentenc'd to
Receive Eighty Nine Lashes and Ordered four
Pounds to be stop'd out of his Pay to Reimburse
Sergeant Masten what the Prisoner Robb'd him

Regimental Orders

Whereas there have been some Misapprehension
How far an Officer of artillery is Under an Officer
Of Superior Rank in any Other Regt while
On Duty In the Beginning of a Warr Dispute
Of this Kind may arise Owing to a Very obvious
Reason Viz. The Want of Experience but then
A Good Officer Will Endeavour Immediately to Get
Informd and Never Repeat a Dispute Where
So Little honour is to be Obtained which
Will Always Expose him and Shame Ends

In the Nature of Military Discipline there
Cannot be two Separate Commanders in any
Army Every Order must be Immediately derived
from the Commander in Chief Down to the
Lowest Sentinels all Parts must Perform there
Proper Office like one Grand Machine, Where
Good Regulation Depends on a Number of nice
Wheels the least of which being Wrong Disorders
the Whole so in an Army if the Orders Issued
By the Commander in Chief are Interrupted
By Ignorance Wrong Construction or Capriciously
from Being Communicated to the Parts intended
the Whole may Suffer in a very fatal man=
=ner ——

That the Regt of Artillery may not lay under
the Imputation of not Properly Understan=
=ding there Construction with the army the
Col: Desires them to Attend to the following
Directions ——

That the Officer of Artillery on Duty Presume
to Dispute the Command of any Other Officer
of Superior Rank Excepting in Case of
Notorious Cowardice in Said Officer ——

That in post all Guards are under the Immediate
Direction of the Officer Who Commands in
that post ——

It is not Expected that an Officer so Comman=
=ding will Take upon himself Directing
or Inspecting the Common Duties Most

Of this Regiment is the particular business
of the artillery the Purpose of which they
were selected Although he has the Undoubted
Right to Order When they shall Begin and when
they shall Cease to Fire ——
The above is to be Understood when on Duty
The Oeconomy and Discipline of the Regt are
Under the Especial Direction of the Comm=
=anders of the Artillery ——
The Honourable the Continental Congress
have thought proper to appoint one Chap=
=lain to Each Regt ——
His Excellency the Commander in Chief
Has been pleas'd to appoint the Rev.d Doctor Abiel
Leonard to be Chaplain to the Corps of artillery
And the Twentieth Regt ——
The Officers Commanding at N.o 1 and N.o 2
are Directed after they Turn out at Reveille
that they March their men to Prayers at
the Meeting house in Cambridge Capt
Burbeck at the Laboratory is to Do the
Same ——

Head Quarters Cambridge Feb.y 12 th 1776
Gen.l Orders. The Gen.l Being Informed that
Several of the Militia are Coming in Without
Arms. Order'd that the Brigadiers to each Brig=
=ade Join'd to Examine into this matter

And to Discharge Every man who has not arms as they Come in Without an Account to Deliver when Call'd for ——

It is with no Small Degree of Astonishment That the Gen.l Observes by the Returns of Last Week that Seventeen men has been Dismiss'd from the Service out of Which Number Col.o Wickham Alone has Discharg'd Seven He is Therefore Call'd upon to be at Head Quarters To morrow morning at 10 O'Clock to Account for his Conduct in this Instant at the Same Time it is Declar'd and Particular Attention Will be paid to it if any Col.o or Commanding Officer of a Reg.t Presume in future to Discharge a man Without Proper Authority for So Doing He will be put in Arrest and Tried for Disobedience of Orders to have been Inlisted one Day ~~as it were~~ and Discharg'd as it were the Next Without any Action or Apparent Cause To Disqualify the men for Service must have a Bad appearance in the Returns sent to the Congress Especially When they List of Deserters Come to be added to it ——

To Remedy these Evils as far as Possible it is Directed in Cases when Discharges are Neces.y that the Commanding Officer of Reg.t Do Produce the men Soliciting

The Discharge to the Brigadier Gen.l of his 4th
Brigade with it to Examine Accurately into the
Matter are not to Give a Discharge for Sickness
of Temporary Duration, in Case of Desertion
the Commanding Officer of a Reg.t or Corps
is Immediately to Report a Desertion or Deser-
=tion to his Brigadier Gen.l Giving an Exact
Discription the man the Town he Come from
Who is to Take proper Steps to be Taken for
Apprehending them a Reward of Five Dollars
to be Paid to any Person or Persons Who
Shall Apprehend or bring back a Deserter
into the Camp upon Obtaining a Certificate
from the Brigadier of the Service Performd

Head Quarters Cambridge Feb.y 13.th 1776
Gen.l Orders} The Reg.ts of Militia Lately
Stationed at Roxbury and Cambridge are
Immediately to be Furnish'd with 16 Rounds
of powder and Ball a man
The Adjutant Gen.l will upon Application
Give orders on the Commissary for the
Quantity the Reg.t at Roxbury on Major
Gen.l Ward Who will Give orders Accordingly
Capt.n Peleg Wadsworth is Appointed A Del.te Gen.l
to Major Gen.l Ward During the Absence of
Samuel Adgood Esq.r

Head Quarters Cambridge Feb.y 14th 1776

Gen.l Orders. The Court Martial
whereof Col.o Hutchinson is
President is Dissolv'd

Benjamin Mumford in Col.o Bonds Reg.t
Tried at the above Court martial for Theft
& acquitted by the Court the Gen.l Orders
The Prisoner to be Releas'd

The Provost Marshall is by his Instructions
Ordered to suppress all Riots, to be Particularly
Attentive to the Behaviour of all the Soldiers
In and about Cambridge & to see that they keep
up their houses at Lamb Boating and Do
Not offer upon any Account to Sell a Drop
of Liquor after that Hour, all Officers are
Strictly Enjoin'd to be aiding and Assisting the
Provost in the Execution of his Office which
The Late Shocking Proceedings of some of
The Soldiers make absolutely Necessary

Head Qu.rters Cambridge Feb.y 15th 1776

Gen.l Orders. The Reg.ts upon the new
Establishment and the Reg.ts of Militia
Lately arrived at Cambridge and Roxbury
to Deliver to the Brigade Majors they
Respectively belong to at Orderly Time

On Saturday an Exact Return of the
Number accordingly to the Form the Adjutant
Gen.l has this Day Given to Each of the major
of Brigade

Such of the Reg.ts as are in want of Leathern
Shot Bags with Straps to hold Ball and Buck
Shot may have them by Applying to the
Gen.l It is Included that Every Non Com-
-mission'd Officer and Soldier Be Supply'd

Regimental Orders

Otis Whipple is appointed Sutler to the
Four Companies Station'd at Roxbury
By Permission So Long as he Shall Sell at
Ot Reasonable Rates and Inform himself
to the Rules and Orders Respecting Sutlers

Head Quarters Cambridge Feb.y 19.th 1776

Gen.l Orders The Congress has been Pleas'd to
Appoint Joshua Fry Esq.r A Brigadier in the Con-
-tinental army and the Gen.l Orders that he Shall
take the Command of the Vacant Brigade Commonly
Called the Cambridge Brigade all the Reg.ts are Im-
-mediately to be Compleated to Twenty Four Rounds
of Ammunition a man The Col.s or Commanding
Officers of Each is to Take his Receipt to the
Commissary for the Cartridges or Powder

And lead Mussay to do the are to Take Receipts
from there Several Captains for there total Qua=
=ntity in Each Company the Captains are to
Do the Like of Each of there men who are to
Account Satisfactorally for every load they have
Paid their Receipts for or Pay Said pence for
Each Deficient One The Col.o Or Commanding Officer
Of Regiments are to take Especial care that this
Order is Strictly Complied With that these pence
Are Charg'd Without fail to the Delinquents
Soldiers and Credit given for them in making out
The Pay Abstracts This Order is to be Read and
Impress'd upon the minds of Every man by there
Officers

The Gen.l Supprizd to find that the Militia are
Applying for Cartouch Boxes and Other Things
When he had not to Doubt but that they Would
Have Come Compleatly Equipt as the Case now
Ever is Otherways he Desireth that they Shall
Be Served With Powder horns that Pouches in
Lieu of Cartouch Boxes and that Every thing
Which is Deliver'd to them be Charg'd to the
Reg.ts that the Receivers it that it may
Be Deliver'd or Paid for at the Expiration
of the Time for which they Stand Engag'd
And that the D. M. Gen.l and Commissary
Of Stores is to Give Especial Attention

So without further Direction on this Head

The Intrenching Tolls of Every kind are to be carefully Took up and kept in Good order

The L. M. Gen.l is to Give Proper Directions On this Head No time is to be lost in Doing Of it

To Prevent any Mistake Or Imposition in Purchasing of arms the Col.os are Immediately To have the Several arms Belonging to their Respective Reg.ts Branded With the Numbers of the Regts all marks in such a manner as they May be known

Col.o Knox is to Report the Exact Number of Cannon Cartridges Which are filled and Ready for Use Specifying the Sorts and Size

Head Qarters Cambridge Feb.y 18.th 1776

Gen.l Orders } Col.o Glover of the Late 21 Reg.t Attends at Mr. Browns Tavern in Cambridge in Order to Pay off the men who Belong to said Reg.t the Last Campaign Their Respective Wages

Head Qarters Cambridge Feb.y 19.th 1776

Gen.l Orders } A Court Martial to Set to Morrow morning at Ten O Clock at Mr. Ramseys

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Head Qu.rs Cambridge Feb.y 20.th 1776

Gen.l Orders

It is Necessary that Every Colours and Staff Colours Should if Can Be Done, Bare Some Kind of Similitude to The Uniform of the Reg.t to which they belong the Col.s of these Respective Brigades and of the 2. M. Gen.l may Give upon as one Proper and Can be Procured there must be to Each Reg.t a the Standard or Regimental Colours and Colours for Each Grand Division The Whole to be Small and light the Num.r of the Reg.t is to be Mark'd on the Colours and Such a Motto as the Col.o may Chuse inscribing Upon Which the Gen.l Above the Confusion Amongst them the Col.s are to Delay No time In Acting this matter first at the 2. M. Gen.l May Provide the Colours as Soon as Possible They are also to Consider What Cartridge Equipage may be further Necessary that no Time may be Lost in Providing it as the Season is fast approaching for Taking the Field The Gen.l Cannot Again Help Urging It in the Strongest Terms to the Col.s the Necessity of the Strictest [illegible] Attendance to the Discipline of these Men Learning them to March and

Perform all the Different Evolutions
Manoeuvres Which is more Essential to
the Service than Dwelling too long upon the
Manual Exercise he also Recommends to
the Colo.s a Proper Attention to the Cloathing
of their Officers and men that they may appear
on a Soldier like manner
The Gen.l Desires that the Brigadiers who
Have not Complyed with the Orders of the
Sixth Instant Concerning the Ammunition and
that of the Seventh Respecting Arrange=
=ments of Chaplains may be Informd
that he Expects Immediate Report from
them

Head Quarters Cambridge Feb.y 21.st 1776
Gen.l Orders The Gen.l being anctious
to have the Established Reg.ts Compleated
With all Possible Expedition Desires the Colo.s
And Commanding Officers forthwith to Send
An Officer from Each Compleated Company
Into the Country upon the Recruiting Service
Who are Expressly Forbid Enlisting any boys
Old men or Slaves these Officers are also
to use there best Endeavours to Get what
Good arms they Can the Recruiting in

Camp is also to be ~~continued~~ Continued the
Col.o & Commanding Officers of Reg.ts are
To send to the 2. M. Gen.l to morrow morning
The names of the Suttlers Leave by them
To Supply there Respective Corps

Head Quarters Cambridge Feb.y 22.d 1776
Gen.l Orders. John English of Capt.n Waterman's
Company in Col.o Arnolds Reg.t Tried at a
Late Gen.l Court Martial for absenting himself
from his Reg.t and Inlisting in to Col.o Varnums
Reg.t The Court were unanimously of Opinion
That the Prisoner is Guilty of the Crime
Whereof he was accus'd and Adjudg'd him
To Receive Ten Lashes on his Bare back
And order the advanc'd Pay Due to him in
Col.o Arnolds Reg.t to be Paid to the Officer
Who Gave him the advanc'd Pay in Col.o
Varnums Reg.t The Gen.l approves the Sen-
=tence and Orders it to be put in Execution
At Guard mounting to Morrow
The Brigadier Gen.l with the Major
Of Brigade the Col.o of Artillery the

Lt. M. Gen.d With the Barrack masters
of the four Brigades in Cambridge Division
To be at Head Quarters to Morrow morn-
-ing at ten O Clock

Regimental Orders

Two Commission Officers and Twenty
four Non Commission Officers and Privates
To mount Every Day till Countermanded
At Lechmeres Point the Brige and
Fortified Howe to the Right of the
Point this Duty and Cobble hill Duty
To be Done Equally according to the
Strength of the following Companies
Viz. Capt.s Chases Tostebs ~~and~~ Fenbins
Newells, mortons, and Dana.s This Guard
To Parade to ~~Morrow morning at Nine &c.~~
at the Stonehouse to morrow morning
At Nine O Clock

Head Quarters Cambridge Feb.y 23.d 1776
Gen.l Orders
Lieu.t Thomas Cummings
Tried at a late Gen.l Court Martial
For Behaving in a Scandalous and

54 Infamous manner Unbecoming the Char=
=acter of an Officer and Gentleman is
Sentenced to be Cashiered The Gen.l approves
The Sentence and Orders it to be put
Into Place immediately The Gen.l
Also Confirmes the Sentence upon James
Mc Comick of Capt. Farrington's Company
In Col. Sergeants Reg.t and Commands
The Execution of it to the Discression of
His Col.o

Head Quarters Cambridge Feb.y 24.th 1776

Gen.l Orders

The Gen.l having the
Credit of this army much at heart and
Anxious that it should not only behave
Well But Look well Recommends it too
And Does Expect that Every Officer from
The highest to the Lowest doth Exert
Himself to Accomplish those Ends To attain
Which the Brigadiers are Desir'd to be atten=
=tive to Every matter and Thing Relative
To there Brigade and When Orders are
Not Or Cannot be Complyd With Immed=
=iately to Report the Reason Thereof

From henceforward it is Expected that the Weekly Returns of Every Reg.t Will Before they are brought to the Commander in Chief Be Examin'd and Certify'd by the Brigadier to Whose Brigade they Respectively Belong who is also to Direct his Major of Brigade to keep a Book and have them Regularly Enter'd always Comparing the Returns to be made with the one Preceding And Enquire minutely into the Cause of Every Change or Alteration from the Last.

The Col.o Or Commanding Officer of Every Reg.t is to Observe the same Conduct with the Respective Returns of his Companies and keep a book for the Regular Entry thereof

These precautions are Taken to Prevent the many Blunders and Mistakes which Having Heretofore happen'd in making out the Pay abstracts all of Which for the Future are to be inspected by the brigadiers Compar'd with there Book and Certify'd by them Before a Warrant will be Granted A very Strict attention will be Expected

To this Order for if these Boxes are (Cont.)
Gone and Do not Correspond with this
Order the Officer neglecting will meet with
No Favour

The Commanding Officer of Each Reg.t may
Apply for a Warrant for five hundred Dollars
To Put into the hands of Such Officers as
They Send into the Country on the Recruiting
Service to buy arms these Officers are in a
Especial manner Charg'd to Purchase no
Arms but Such as are Good and fit for
Immediate use Fowling Muskets or Guns
Near these Quality as Can be had Should
Be Got and with Bayonets if Possible
As there is a Committee in Each of the
Counties of the Massachusetts Bay appo-
-inted by the Gen.l Court to Purchase
Arms for this army the Officers are to take
Care not to Cause the Price by Bidding ag-
-ainst Each Other

Mark Noble of Capt. Nobles Company in
Col.o Patterson's Reg.t Tried by a Late
Gen.l Court martial Made Oath Col.o
Whitney Was President for Desertion
& found Guilty and is Sentenced to
Receive Fifteen Lashes upon his Bare

Back and Mulct one Months Pay to defray
The Expences of Apprehending the Prisoner
And Bringing him back to Camp the Gen.l
Approves of the Sentence and Commands
The Execution of it at Such time and
Place as the Col.o of the Reg.t Shall
Direct

Head Quarters Cambridge Feb.y 26.th 1776

Gen.l Orders. It being a matter of too
much Importance to
Intrust Wounds and Lives of Officers and
Soldiers to Unskillful Surgeons The Gen.l
Requests the Director Gen.l and the Surgeons
Of the Hospital Joining also to their Assis-
=tance Such Regimental Surgeons as upon
Examination they approve of Will Visit
and Examine The Surgeons and mates
Of the Whole army and Give Certificates
To those who are found Qualify'd to Dis-
=charge the Duty of there Office in order
That they may Receive Commissions
Gentlemen of Candor and Knowledge
In there Profession will see the Utility
Of there measure and approve of it.
None but those who are Conscious of

58 Their ability will Declare their Examination

The Surgeons of Every Regt is Immediately to Report to the Director Genl of the Hospital in what manner he and his mate at Present. Furnish'd With Instruments Medicines Bandages &c. That the true State and Condition may Be known The First Court of Examination Will Sett on Thursday next at the Convocation House in Cambridge At ~~One~~ Eleven in the Forenoon at which all the Surgeons and there mates of Genl Sullivans Brigade is to attend

Head Quarters Cambridge Feb.y 26th 1776

Genl Orders

The Commanding Officers of Regts are Immediately to Order all axes Picks Spades and Shovels And all other Intrenching tolls now in there possession to be forthwith sent to the Ln. M. Genl. Store in Cambridge

All Officers Non-Commission'd Officers and Soldiers are Particularly forbid playing At Cards and all Games of Chance at there

time of Publick Distress, men may find Enough to Do in the Service of their God and Country Without abandoning themselves To Vice and Immorality ——

Head Quarters Cambridge Feby 27th 1776

Gen: Orders As the Season is now fast Approaching when Every man must Expect To be Drawn in to the Field of action It is highly Nessesary to prepare his mind as well as Every thing Nessesary for it, it is a Noble Cause We are Engaged in it is the Cause of Virtue & Mankind Every Temporal advantage and Comfort to us and Our Posterity Depend upon The vigour of our Exertions in short freedom or Slavery must be the Result of our Conduct there Can therefore be no Greater Inducement to men To behave Well but it may not be amiss for The Troops to know that if any man in action Shall Presume to Shrink, hide himself or Retreat from his Enemy Without the Order of his Commanding Officer he will Instantly Shot Down as an Example of Cowardice to frequently Discomforted The best formed Troops by their Dastardly behaviour Next to the favour of Divine Providence Nothing is more Essentially nessesary to Get this army The Victory of all its Enemies than Exactness

of Discipline alertness When on Duty and Cleanliness in their arms and Persons unless the Arms are kept Clean and in Good firing order It is impossible to Vanquish the Enemy. and Cleanliness of the Person Gives health and Soldier like Appearance that no Confusion may Insue when the Troops are Call'd to action the Genl. has Order'd all the Forts and Guards of the Lines And Redoubts to be so fixt and Regulated as Every Officer and Soldier may Know his place and his Duty and to Confirm the Order and Discipline the Genl. Orders that the Officers and Men who are to mount Guard Do Parade Every Morning at Eight O'Clock Upon their Regimental Parades when they are to be Received By the adjutant in the Presence of a Field Officer Who is to See that their arms ammunition and Accoutrements are Compleat and the men Dress'd in a soldier like manner The adjutant is then to march them to the Parade of the Brigade and Deliver them over to the Major of Brigade Who is very carefully to inspect the Whole and then march them to the Grand Parade Where the Brigadier With the Field Officer of the Day will attend To See all the Guards Paraded and marched to there Several Destinations Which the Brigadier will Constantly mount his Major of Brigade Who is always to make up the

Guards upon the Grand Parade and Report
All Extraordinaries to the Brigadier Genl
The Brigadier of the Day will Give his orders
To the Field Officer of the Day at what time he
Would have them Go a Visiting the Grand Rounds
half an hour before Day Orders all the Guards
To be Under arms and properly posted Visit the
Out Posts See that the Guards are properly
Plac'd and that Every thing is in Good order
For Defence in Case of an attack ——————

All Officers Commanding Posts are to Report
To the Brigadier of the Day Who is to Report
To the Commander in Chief The Guards to be made
Upon the Grand Parade at Leachmeres Point
Cobble hill, Plowd hill, White house the main
Guard on Prospect hill, the South North and
Middle Redoubts, Leachmeres Point Bridge
And the main Guard for Cambridge and Winter
Hill all Other Guards are to be Sent from the
Brigade Parades the Quarter Guards of the Regts
Except Who are Paraded on there Regimental
Parades —————— Brigadier for to morrow
Genl Heath Field Officer of the Day Col Reed and
Lol Nixon ——————

Head Quarters Cambridge Feb.y 20th 1776
Genl Orders } The Commanding Genl
Mr Hawkins will Soon as possible Establish
A Patrole of Duty at that Post as

Similer to that in Yesterday's Orders as the Convenience of his Command will admit of; which when Join'd is to be brought to the Commander in Chief for his Inspection and Approbation

The Brigades Gen.ls to take Special Care that all the Regt.s Belonging to there Respective Brigades know Where to Alarm Posts that they may Immediately Repair to them in Case of an alarm

As the Guards are most of them Increas'd The Centinels are to be Increas'd in Proportion A Communication must be made and kept up Between Post and Post that the Rounds and Mad Roles may Pass Conveniently in the Night

Head Quarters Cambridge Feb.y 29th 1776

Genl.l Orders The Commanding Officer of Brigades are to Order all the Spears in the Several Fields and Pastures to be Examin'd Clean'd and Collected in There Proper Places and make a Return of the Number fit for Service in Each Brigade and Where Deposited

Ensign Andrew Brown of the 7 Reg.t of Foot Tried at a Late Gen.l Court Martial

Where of Col.° Thruing was President for Insulting and Challenging his Comm=anding Officer Lt. Col.° Morton the Court were of Opinion that the Prisoner was Not Guilty of the Whole of the Charge but Only Insulting Col.° Morton Therefore Adjudge him Publickly to ask Pardon of Lt. Col.° Morton For the Affront The Gen.l Approves the Sentence and Orders the Execution of it as soon as Possible and Prisoner to be Releas.d from his Arrest

Brigadier of the Day Gen.l Green
Field Officer of the Day Col.° Poor & Col.° Bond

Head Quarters Cambridge March.t 1776
Gen.l Orders } Brigadier of the Day to-
Morrow — Gen.l Heath. Field Officers
Col.° Nelnum and Greaton

Head Quarters Cambridge March 2.d 1776
Gen.l Orders } Upon any alarm Col.° Patterson Reg.t to Immediately to Repair to Cobbmers Point and Leading One Capt. Two Subs. Two Sergeants

And to Rank and file, in the Work Leading to the Bridge Col.o Bonds Reg.t is Immediately to March to Cobble, and Col.o Serjeants Reg.t to the North South and Middle Redoubts this is to be Considered as a Standing Order until Countermanded

Gen.l Heath, Sullivan Greens and Stirg's Brigades are in Rotation to March a Reg.t One hour before Day Every morning into the Works on Lechmeres point and Cobble hill, five Companies of Which to Go to the former And Three to the Latter there are to Remain in the Works till Sun Rise the Field Officers for the Guards at Leachmeres point Cobble, and Plow hills are to Consist of Lt Colos and Majors as those for the Day are Colos

The Commanding Officers of Regts to whose Have Neglected to see their men Properly Dressed Shirtless are Immediately to Order Every Non Commissioned Officer and Soldier to Provide one Good Fascine Which is to be Left under a Centinel of the Quarter Guards of the Regts

Brigadier for the Day — Genl Sullivan

Field Officers for the Day Col. Little & Col. Phinney

Head Quarters Cambridge march 3d 1776

Genl Orders — No Officer or Soldier under any Pretence is to be absent from his Post without Leave in Writing from his Brigadier Genl who is not to grant the Liberty of Running Backwards and forwards from Head to Foot but Every Especial Occation as it is Unlikely that a Contest Brought on Soon Between the Ministerial Troops and this army the Genl Flatters himself that Every Officer and Soldier will Endeavour to give such Distinguishing Proof of his Bravery as becomes Men who are fighting for Every thing that is Dear and Valuable to Government Remembering at the Same time what Disgrace full Punishment will attend the Coward any Behaviour Every Mans Conduct will be Remarked and Rewarded or Punished accordingly and Condescice in a most Exemplary Manner

The Col. or Commanding Officers

Of Reg.ts are to see that these Several Regts are properly told Off and the Supernumerary Officers to be posted as to see the men to their Duty — Particular Care is to be taken by no detachment firing at too Great a Distance as one Shot well aim'd Does more Execution than a Dozen at a long Shot all Wood Cutting Parties are to Join their Respective Regts until further Order ——— the D.A.G. Genl may Draw the Carbines out of the Commissary Stores and put them in the hands of the Carpenters and such Others as he shall think will use them to the best advantage taking Care to Return them when Call'd for ———

All arms in Store yet for use may be Delivered out to the A.Gen.l Order ... the Brigadiers are to see that the arms in their Several Brigades are Disposed of to the best advantage placing them in the hands Only of such men as are fit for Duty and that the Spears are used as occasion Should Require to Supply the Defective arms as it has been Suggested To the Genll that many of the Town People Influenced by Zeal for the Cause of their Country are Inclin'd to Draw aide in case the Army Should be Called to action

The Gen.ᵃˡ Desires that they will prevent any
Kind of Confusion or Disorder from Disaffected
Companies in the several Regᵗˢ as they shall
Chuse to form themselves into Distinct Comp.ᵃˢ
Under Officers of their own Chusing and post
themselves under the Immediate Command of
some Brigadier that they may not be Considered
Or act as an Independant Company, Two Com-
panies of Colᵒ Thomsons Rifle Regᵗ are to
to march to morrow Morning to Roxbury with their Blankets
and arms and three Days Provision Ready Dress'd
The Officer Commanding the party will receive
his Orders from the A. Genᵃˡ

Colᵒ Hutchinson and Colᵒ French's Regᵗˢ are to
March to Roxbury by Sun rise on Tuesday
Morning with their Blankets arms and three
Days Provision Ready Dress't

Brigadier for the Day Genᵃˡ Green
Field Officers Colᵒ Patterson & Read
Regᵗ Orders Capt Cayly and Softers are to
Hold themselves in Readiness at a moments
Warning to march to Roxb.ʸ or any other Place
Where they may be wanted at the same time they
are to a Sergeant & Corporals and 20 Private
Including Drumbardiers & Gunners to Go from
Creek Point to Prospect hill under the Comm.ᵈ
of Colᵒ Eustis of Capt Morton

Head Quar.rs Camb.e March 4th 1776

Gen.l Orders / The Flag on Prospect Hill and that at the Laboratory on Cambridge Common are order'd to be Hoisted only upon a Gen.l alarm & this the whole army is to take particular notice and Immediately upon the Said Colours being Hoisted on Display'd every Officer and Soldier must Resort to his alarm post this to Remain a Standing Order until the Commander in Chief Should please to Direct otherwise ——

Head Quarters Cambridge March 6th 1776

Gen.l Orders / Brigadier of the Day Gen.l Green Field Officers Col.o Moore & Col.o Greaton ——

Stephen Moylan & Will.m Palfrey Esqrs. are appointed Aid-De-Camps to his Excellency the Commander in Chief they are to be Obey'd as Such ——

Thursday the Seventh Instant

Being Set apart by the Honourable Leg=
=islature of this Province as a Day of
Fasting and Prayer and Humiliation to
Implore the Lord and Giver of all Victory
To Pardon our manifold Sins and Wick=
=edness and that it would Please him to
Bless the Continental army with his
Divine favour and Protection
All Officers & Soldiers are Strictly Enjoin'd
To pay all Due Reverence and attention
On that Day to the Sacred Duties Due
To the Lord of Hosts for his mercies
already Received and for those Blessings
Which Our Holiness and Uprightness of
Life Can alone Encourage us to hope
Through his mercy to Obtain
The Brigadiers Gen.ls Heath & Fry to Send
For their Respective Col.os Immediately
And with them to appoint the Officers &
Soldiers from Each of their Brigades to be
Selected for the Command under the Brigadiers
Gen.ls Sullivan & Heath to Erect Barriers
Be the Best and most approved Soldiers

That there arms ammunition and Accoutrements are Compleat and in proper Order and the Whole to be Ready to turn Out upon the shortest Notice — Genl. Heath is to Report the Colos. and Field Officers who are appointed for this Service to his Excellency as Soon as possible —

Head Quarters Camb.e March 7th 1776
Genl. Orders } Brigadier of the Day
To Morrow — Genl. Heath —
Field Officers Colo. Pernum & Colo. Thinny

Head Quarters Cambridge March 8th 1776
Genl. Orders } The Genl. Court martial of
which Colo. Thinny was President to assemble
To morrow morning at Eleven O Clock at
Dominys Tavern in Cambridge —
His Excellency the Genl. returns his Thanks
to the Militia of the Surrounding Districts
For their Spirited Behaviour and Alert
March to Roxbury Last Saturday and Sunday
For the noble Ardour they Discovered in
in Defence of the Liberty and their Country

Lent or Lost a Small Telescope of Inspect
Glass Whoever Brings it to the D. M. Genl
Col.o Mifflin) Shall be Rewarded for there Trouble

Head Quarters Cambridge March 9th 1776

Genl Orders His Excellency the Genl Lost
One his Pistols Yesterday upon Dorchester
Neck. Whoever will bring it to him or leave
it with Genl Thomas Shall Receive Two Dollars
Reward and no Question ask'd, it is a Brass
Barrel Pistol mounted with Silver with a
Head Resembling A Pug Dog

The Genl Earnestly Expects every Officer and
Soldier of this army, will Show the Utmost Alert-
-ness, as well upon Duty as off of Duty as by that
Means not only the utmost Power but the utmost
Artifice of the Enemy will be Defeated, the Regts
Who have not Drawn there Cloathing Shall
The D. M. Genl are Commanded to it Immediately
The Regts and Companies of Rifle men are
to hold themselves in Readiness at an hours warn-
-ing. The whole army to Prepare to be Ready
To march when Commanded

Brigadier for the Day Genl Green
Field Officers Col. Little & Col. Patterson

Head Quarters Cambridge March 10th 1776
Genl Orders — Brigadier for the Day
Genl Heath. Field Officers Col. Read & Greaton
There was a mistake in the orders of the Sixth
Instant Genl Lee being ordered for the Command
Who is appointed for the Command
Regimental Orders
Capt. Badlams Company is Ordered
To prepare themselves for a march into
Canada in Order to join Capt. Badlam
Under his Excellency Genl Lee Reducing
The ministerial Troops in Canada

Head Quarters Camoridge March 11th 1776
Genl Orders — Brigadier for the Day
Genl Sullivan Field Officers
Col. Nixon & Col. Phinny

That there may not be the least Pretext
For Delay as the Gen.l is Determin'd to
March the Whole or any Part of the army
the Instant Occation Shall Require, his
Excellency Requires that not a moments time
be lost in Preparing for the march he Coll.s
will pay particular attention to the Cloathing
of there men to prevent any Unnessesary
Preparation, the Gen.l Informs the Officers
And Soldiers that it is his Desire and Expec-
=tation that they Incumber themselves with
As Little Baggage as possible as a part from
the Enormous Expence to the Continent, teams
Cannot be Procur'd for Superfluous articles it
will be well if Sufficient Can be found to answer
all Requisites, Services, the nature the nature
of the Service we are Engaged in is Such as
Requires Light troops Ready at all times and
Upon all Occations Forced marches the less
Baggage therefore Officers and men are in-
Cumbered with the better
The Recruiting Service is to be Continued
but the Recruits and all the men upon furlo
are to Join there Respective Reg.ts Immediately
The Gen.l Being Desirous of Selecting a

Particular number of men as a Guard for
himself & Baggage — The Col.ns Commanding
Officers of Each of the Establish.d Reg.ts of
Artillery and Rifle men Excepted
Will Furnish him with Four that the number
Wanted may be Chosen out of them his
Excellency Depends upon their for Good men
Such as they Can Recommend for there
Sobriety honesty and Good Behaviour
he wishes them to be from five feet Eight
Inches high to Five feet ten Inches handsomly
and well made as there is nothing in his
Eye more Desireable than Cleanliness in a
Soldier, he Desires that Particular attention
may be paid in the Chose of such men as are
Neat and Spruce

They are also to be at head Quarters to morrow
at twelve at noon when the numbers wanted
Will be Fixt upon the Gen.l neither wants
men with uniforms nor Arms nor Does
he Desire any man to be Sent to him that
is not Perfectly Willing and Desirous of being
of the Guard, they Should be Stout men

The Gen.l Desires that those Col.s who have not
Furnish.d the arrangement of there Officers
Will Do it forthwith in the Inspection of the
Brigadiers who are to Certify the Same

he Appointing the Brigadiers to See the
Returns are made that the Commissions
May be Issued

Head Quarters Cambridge March 12th 1776

Gen.l Orders

Brigadier for the Day Gen.l Greene

Field Officers Col.o Stark & Col.o Sergeant

An abstract of the Pay of the Commission'd
Officers of Each of the Establish'd Reg.ts for
January to be Deliver'd as soon as possible
To the A. Gen.l Sign'd by the Col.o or Officers
Commanding Each Reg.t

The Director Gen.l & Surgeons of the Hospital
To Proceed in the Examination of the Regimen-
=tal Surgeons and mates Who are Requir'd
To attend for that Purpose at Such time
and place as may be Appointed of which
they will Receive timely Notice when the
Examination is Finish'd Reports is to be
Made out for those who are Approv'd of as Duly
Qualify'd The Col.o are making out their
Pay abstracts for those Officers so Jan.y
Are to be Carefull to see that Each Officer is
Charg'd only from that Day of his Being
Appointed

The Court martial of which Col° Phinny
Was President is Dissolv'd

Head Quarters Camb.ge March 13th 1776
Gen.l Orders Brigadier of the Day
Gen.l Heath Field Officer Col.o Poor & Patterson
A Gen.l Court martial to Set to morrow
Morning 10 O Clock all Evidences and
Persons Concern'd to attend the Court the
Rifle Reg.t under the Command of Lt. Col.o
Hand and the three Rifle Companies
under the Command of Capt. Stephenson
are to be Ready to march to manoeuvre
[illegible]ning At ten O Clock a Copy
Of these Rout with these Orders will be
Deliver'd to Lt Col.o Hand and Capt. Step=
=enson this Afternoon
As the Ministerial Troops in Boston
Both from Information and Appearance
are preparing to Evacuate that town
the Gen.l Expects by Orders that Neither
Officer or Soldier Presume to Go in boston
Without Leave from the Gen.l in Chief
at Cambridge or the Commanding
Gen.l at Roxbury as the Enemy

With a Milicious Assiduoly have spread
the Infection of the Small Pox through
all the Parts of the Town Nothing but
the utmost Caution on our Part Can
prevent that fatal Disease from spread
=ing through the army and Country to
the Infinite Detriment of both his
Excellency Expressly Commands every
Officer to pay the Exactest Obedience
to this Order if upon the Retreat of the
Enemy any Person Whatsoever is
Detected in Pillaging he may be assur
=ed the Severest Punishment will be
his Lot the Unhappy Inhabitants of that
Distressed Town have already Suffer'd too
heavily from the Iron hand of Oppression
these Country men there will not be base
Enough to add to there misfortunes

Brig.r Orders

The Reg.t of artillery is Immediately to
hold themselves in Readiness to march
at a moments Warning to Whatsoever
place they may be Wanted the Officers are
therefore to make such preparations as
that no time may be Lost

Head Quarters Cambridge March 14th 1776

Gen.l Orders

Brigadier for the Day

Gen.l Sullivan Field Officers Col.o Hitchcock and Col.o Little

Starks Patersons Read Gerrishs and Bonds Reg.ts together with Two Companies of Artillery are to March to morrow morning at 9 O Clock Under the Command of Brigadier Gen.l Heath Who will Receive his Orders from the A. Gen.l this Evening at Head Quarters

The D. A. Gen.l will Furnish them with Waggons and the Route they are to March, the Men are to be Supply'd with 6 Days Provision, Good part of which they will Cook before they Leave Cambridge as there may be a Difficulty in Doing it upon the Road the Gen.l Recommends to the Minds they Officers and Soldiers of the Above Reg.ts of the Necessity of Being Ready for a March, as they may not have more than an Hours Warning) The Gen.l Was Informed Yester-day Evening by a Person Left out of Boston that our Enemies in that Place had Contriv'd Several Schemes for Communicating the Infection of the Small-Pox into the Continental army, When they Get into the Town This Shows the Propriety of Yesterdays

Orders and the absolute Necessity of paying proper Obedience thereto All Officers and Persons having any of the Continental Horses are to Return them Immediately to the Q. M. Genl's in Cambridge — The Genl Court Martial Where of Coll Hutchinson was President is Dissolv'd

Head Quarters Cambridge March 15th 1776

Genl Orders Brigadier for the Day

Genl Green Field Officers Col. Reed & Hutchinson The Regts and Companies of Artillery Mention'd in Yesterdays Orders are not to march till Sun Rise to morrow morning When Every thing Belonging to them is to be Ready to move off the Men are not to put there Packs in the Carts there Provision being Carried for them the Genl Expects the Whole to Carry there own packs any Officer or Soldier Who is known to Commit any Waste or Destruction to any of the Barracks, or Barracks Utensils will be Punish'd With the Utmost Severity of the Q. M. Genl's to order his Assistant to see Every Article taken Care of When the Troops March —

Head Quarters Cambridge March 16th 1776

Genl Orders Brigadier for the Day

Genl Heath Field Officers Col Nixon and Col Phinny

As the Weather is so bad and the Roads so Miry The Regts and Companies of Artillery Ordered to march this morning are to halt till to morrow morning

Regimental Orders

The Officers of the Regt of artillery are to Apply in Person to the Col for there respective Commissions at the same time to Subscribe the Rules and Articles for the better Government of the Troops, Raised or to be Raised and Kept in pay by the Joint Expence of the United Colonies

Head Qua Camb March 18th 1776

Regl Orders

The Uniform of the Regt of Artillery to be as follows The Coat Blue turnd up with White Linings, The Shirts so as to hook Back the Coat to come as low as the upper

Nine Button of the Breeches, Epaulets and Cape Two Inches wide — White Waistcoats and Breeches White Stockings and half Gaiters The Field Officers Two Epaulets the Captains and Captain Lieut.s one on the Right Shoulder the Lieut.s one on the Left Shoulder. ——

Head Quarters Cambridge March 19th 1776

Gen.l Order

Brigade Major Henly being Ordered to attend Gen.l Heath's Brigade Major Cary is to take the Care of both those Brigades, until further orders and is therefore upon no Account to be absent from Cambridge —— all Officers and Soldiers and Others are Positively forbid Going into the Town of Boston Without out a Pass on Being Sent Expressly upon Duty As Soon as the Select men Report the Town to be Cleans'd from Infection Liberty will be Given to Those who have Business there to Go in the Inhabitants Belonging to the Town may be Permitted to Return to their Habitations Proper persons being Appointed at the Necks and at Charlestown Ferry to Grant them Passes Brigadier for the Day Gen.l Sullivan

Head Quarters Cambridge March 20th 1776

Genl Orders Whitcombs Rhoneys & Thatchinsons Regts are to march into Boston This Day and Remain there untill further Orders they are to Guard the Town and the Publick Stores there and Do Such Fatigue as the Genl Commanding there Shall think Proper to order Every Precaution will Be taken to Destroy the Infection of the Small Pox

The Troops Now in Boston are to march Out and Join there Respective Regts upon Being Relieved by the Regts that are to march in

The Posts upon Bunkers Hill Breads Hill and Charlestown Ferry are to be Garison'd by Col. Waldoms Regt who are to take Especial Care that the Tobacco Pilfering &c are ~~Properly~~ Prevented Intire

The D.M. Genl is to See that fire Wood or Coles is Immediately laid in for the Supply of those Posts - the Commissary Genl has Orders Immediately to lay In a Proper Supply of Provision

from Boston, Bunkers Hill and Dorchester Heights

Head Quarters Cambridge March 21st 1776
Genl Orders Parsons & Careys Regts
Are to march this afternoon and Relieve
The Troops upon Dorchester Heights Where
Those Regiments are to Remain in
Garrison untill further Orders
The Deputy Q. M. Genl will Provide
Carriages from Roxbury and Provi=
=sions are Order'd by the Commissary
Genl to be Stored upon the Heights
The Details for the Roxbury and Cam=
=bridge Dependents will be Deliverd
to the Major of Brigade With this Days
Orders

Head Quarters Cambridge March 22d 1776
Genl Orders The Co C of Artillery the
Q. M. Genl Commissary Genl and Com=
=missary of Ordinance Stores to make
out Exact Returns of all Military Stores
Provisions &c Now in Boston Cambridge
Roxbury Dorchester Heights and Forts &c
Adjacent this must be Done in the

Correctly manner and When finished
and Sign'd to be Deliver'd by the Proper
Officers of Each Department to the Com-
=mander in Chief

The Provoost marshal is forthwith to Rem-
=ove with his Prisoners to Boston the Pris-
=oners of War and John Stephens are
by his Excellency order'd to be put into
Boston Goal

The Majors of Brigade to order the adjutants
to be punctual in Delivering there
Weekly Returns at Orderly time

To morrow

Head Quarters Cambridge March 23d 1776

Gen.l Orders Col.o James Reed Nixons
Poors Arnolds and Baldwins Reg.ts are the
first to march under Brigadier Sullivan.
they are to be Ready at a moments warning
The Gen.l flatters himself that the Comman-
=ding Officers of Each of those and the other
Corps will Exert themselves as they are
Going to join the Troops of Other Colonies
in Spreading up there men that they may
Look as Soldiers like and Reputable as Possible
Care and attention to the Good and Orderly

Behaviour of the men and the Proper Care of
there arms Ammunition and accoutrements
A Qualification Essentially Necessary to
Every Commanding Officer therefore for there
Own honour and the Honour of New England
Colonies it is hoped that they will Exert them=
=selves at there time

Two Companies of artillery With such Light
Brass Ordinance and Stores as the Comman=
=ding Officer of the artillery Shall think
Necessary are to march With Gen.l Sullivan
Col.o Gridley is to apply to Gen.l Ward for
such men as are Necessary for the Dimo=
=lishing of the lines on Boston Neck Who is
to See the Work Executed as Soon as Possible
the Pickets and Other usefull Materials be
Prepar'd and Plac'd so as to be Ready When
Call'd for under the Care of Centries Such
Part of those Works as may be of Service for
our Defence are to be Preserv'd Col.o Gridley
will Immediately lay out a Battery upon
Charlestown Neck to be Erected under the
Direction of Lieut Col.o Paton of the Artil=
=lery A Field Officer With all the Men of Duty
of Col.o Robinsons Reg.t to march at Seven
oClock to morrow morning to Charlestown
Point as a Working Party

Regimental Orders

Captains Craft, Foster, Morton and Drury are to hold themselves Ready to march at an Hours Warning

The Companies Already order'd to Canada are Likewise to observe this Direction

Lieut. Col.o Burbeck and Mason Mayor Coane of Roxbury Will Immediately Return an Exact List of all Military Stores in there Several Departments to the Col.o in Order that He may Make a Return to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

An Officer of Artillery Some time since Borrowd Youngs Manoeuvre of Gen.l Greene the Gen.l Has forgotten the Officers Name and Desires Col.o Thayer to Issue a Regimental Order that the Said Book may be Given in to the Col.o as Soon as Possible

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Head Quarters Cambridge March 25th 1776

Gen.l Orders The Enemy Still Continuing in the Harbour Without any Appearance of Cause for it after Winds and Weather have favour'd them for Sailing a Cause Abundant Reason to Suspect that they may have some Design of aiming a Blow at us Before they Depart The Gen.l Cautions in the Strongest terms Imaginable Recommends

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Head Quarters 9th of Feb.y 1776

Sir You are hereby Ordered to Dismiss the Gaurd of One Hundred Men which were ordered to do Duty last Evening at the Lower Barracks

Yours

To Colo.o Waterbury
the Commanding Officer

Charles Lee

Head Quarters Feb.y 9th 1776

It is General Lees Orders that Your Regt. with the Independant Company and General Lees Gaurds Including the Rifle Men Parade this afternoon at three O Clock to Examine their Arms and the State of their Amunation

To Col.o Waterbury
Commanding Officer
at the Upper Barracks

By Order of Gen.l Lee
Wil.m Tallfery Aid Camp.

Head Quarters N. York 3rd Feb. 1777

The Parole Armed the Countersign Truth The Centinals very Alert to Observe the Boats and Ships if there is any Alarm as Soon as the Independant Companies, at their Alarm Posts They are to March into the Fort

Head Quarters New York 9th Feb. 1776

Sir

You are ordered to Remove from Mr. John Gilbert Store on Cannon Wharf whatever Cannon Bridges that may be Left Remaining there Also what Sheets Shirts Blankets and other Stores that is there, to Some Place of Safety you are to make Return of the Same when Compleated

To Capt. Sears

Charles Lee Maj. Gen.

A Subaltern & twenty four to March from y^e upper Barracks to y^e Main Gaurd — the Gaurd of upper Barracks to be Reliev'd — forty of Said Gaurd to Return to their Quarters Thirty Six being Sufficient for their Nightly Duty ——————

Head Quarters New York Feb^y 7th 1776

Countersign Richmond

The Party for Fatigue Consisting of 1 Capt.^n 2 Subalterns and one Hundred Men to Parade to Morrow Morning at 9 O Clock without Arms to take their Instructions from Capt.^n Smith Anoth.^r Party Consisting Of one Capt.^n two Subalterns and Sixty Men to Parade at the Same Hour and take their Instructions from Col.^o Vose these Parties of the March out of the Town to keep their Ranks and Files in a more Soldier like Manner than they Did to Day the Officers Commanding to be Answer.^d able for the ——

Jno.^o Vose Dep.^y Q.^r Master

Head Quarters New York 15th of Feb. 1776

Parole Cassa Countersign Wilks

For the future the Adjutant of the Day to Superintend the Drummers if any Come to Gale he is to Confine him he is not to Suffer the Drum Major to March of a Corpse but wait for the Function of the whole — Lt Johnson and twenty men of the Provincial Artillery to Parade at 9 Clock to Morrow Morning where they Shall Receive their Instructions, Only one Hundred men for Fatigue to morrow the Gauards as usual — Colo Drake or the Commanding Officer of his Regt to Send in a Return to General Lee as Early as Possiable to Morrow morning of y^e Strength of the Company Already Arrived with a Gale of their Arms and Ammunation — their Return After the form of One which he Shall Receive at Nine of Clock

Isaac Sears Deputy
Adj^t General

Head Quarters 16th Sept. 1776

Parole Dover (Countersign Shrewsbury

The Colo. Drake Companys are not as yet provided with Horse or Catouches to Carry Ammunation it is impossible Untill they are furnished that they shou do any Duty but fatigue The whole are therefore to Parade for fatigue to morrow morning at 9 Clock but at the Place where they are to work it is so distant that they may Probably not return to morrow they are to Parade with their Arms and Packs in Short Accoutred as they were when they march into Town

Head Quarters 18th Feb.y 1776

Docr Franklin

For the future the Barracks Mast.r Carpenters &c. of Every Kind & Artillery Officers to attend Every Day at 10 O Clock at Head Quarters to Receive Orders— The Carpenters without Delay is to Carry on the works which have been Appointed to them

Head Quarters N. York Feb.y 18. 1776

General Lee desires that Col. Waterbury is to send him a Return of all the men in his Reg.t who are Carpenters— their Names and the Comp.s they Belong too his Orders is that they may be Imployed

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Carola Franklin — Head Quarters N.Y. 11th 1776

Countersign — Nelson

The Remaining Companies of Col. Drake's Regt to march to Horsenecks morning at 10 O'Clock the Straps for Cartouch Boxes to be Sent with them the Companies of Dutchess County to be Paraded at the same Hour to be Reviewed by Lieut. Col. Stirling, Lieut. Col. Johnston of the Artillery to Furnish 1 Capt. and Two Men to Capt. Badlam at 9 O'Clock to Morrow morning

Isaac Sears
Deputy Adj. Genl.

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Head Quarters N. York 19 Feb 177

It is General Lees Desire that you order Thirty Men for fatigue to be under the Direction of Lt. Sears by Order of the Gen[l]

Lt. Col. Waterbury Your most Obt. Servant

W[m] Scott Adjt

Parole Hancock } Head Quarters N.Y. 19th Feb.

The Garrison Court Martial to Sit tomorrow for the Trial of all Persons brought before them; All Witnesses to be Summoned, and attend on

[illegible] Day. — A General Court Martial.

[illegible]. To Sit for the Trial of

Deserters. — — — — — — — — — — — —

Lieutenant for the Garrison Court Marshal

[illegible]

Capt.[n] Lieut.[s] of the General Gaines Mombe[17]

Lieut. Baldwin of the Sterling, Lieut. Clark,

of the Waterbury Lieut. Haven of the Sterling [illegible]

Clerk of the Regt. Ensign Vangeriden [illegible] Regt. Mackt. Dougale

President of the General Court Marshal Lt. Colo. Dougl.

Capt. Sedgwards	Capt. Morris
Capt. Mead	Capt. Reed
Capt. Wm. Hubbel	Capt. Heaton
Capt. Wm. Benedict	Capt. Benedict
Capt. Conway	

Field Officer to Morrow Major Pichard Adjt. of Day Clowes

Lr Head Quarters New York 19th July 1776

Lieut Seymour having been Appointed to Superintend the Fatigue Men at Hens Hook You are Desired to Excuse him from Other Duty

By Order of Genl &c
Willm Tallpy D. A.

Countersign Ward Head Quarters N. Y. 19th July 1776

Every Man off Duty of Every Corps To Parade to Morrow Morning at 9 O Clock for Fatigue

Isaac Sears
Deputy Ad. Genl

Parole Canada
Countersign Quebec

Head Quarters N.Y. July 20. 1776

General Order

The Regiments including the Riffle Men to be ready to Morrow but to Parade with their Arms at 9 O'Clock The same Number of Men to Parade for Fatigue to Morrow as to Day The Navy will order their Craft as soon as they can Possibly be Provided to Receive Wood in Order to bring to Town the Firewood which have been cut There Ten more to Attend the Officer Commanding the Works at Hell Gate from whom they will Receive their Directions Lieut Johnson of the Artillery to Attend with a Party of Twenty Men of their Corps in Order to convey Some Pieces of Cannon to the water side Col. Walcutt to Select twenty of the best Carpenters of his Regt in Order to Assist the Artificers to be employed in Some Necessary Work

J. S.

Parole Carol. Head Quarters New York 25. 1776

Countersign Chace The Parties of Fatigue for to Morrow the same as this Day The Company of Col. Ward Regt to Parade to Morrow Morning at 9 Oclock on the Parade at Trinity Church to be Received by Lord Sterling at which time A Form of a Return will be Delivered him by which the Strength of numbers State of Arms Accouterments and Ammunation Exact Each is to be Returned

Sentance of the Garison Court Marshal of Capt Lieut. Mac Kenzie is Approved of and the Court Dissolved but as the General is an Enemy to the Infliction of Capl. Punishments when they are not Absolutely necessary the General Commutes the Punishment that it is to be Inflicted by the Sentance of the Court Martial into a weeks Close Confinement on Bread and Water the Prisoners therefore Sentanced to Receive Thirty Nine Lashes is to be Closely Imprisoned and Guarded but on the Fatigue Parties he is to be brought out with this Coat turned as a Mark of Infamy

Turn

Man Imployed by the Officer Commanding the Fatigue Party in the most Severe & Servile Office at Night, he is to be Returned to his Prison and to be Fed with Bread and Water the Centinels at the City Prison which is to the Place of his Confinement is to be answerable that he is not Furnished with no Refreshment but what is Prescribed by the General Order — The Commanding Officer of the upper Barrack Guard is Constantly to Furnish Five Centinals at the City Prison for to Guard all Prisoners which may be Sent there by the General Order — the Field Officers of this Day is to bring in a Return to the General to Morrow Morning at Nine Clock of the Numbr of Fatigue brought in —

Head Quarters New York 22d Feb 1776,

The Same Numbr of Men for Fatigue to Morrow as to Day the Companies of Colo Ward not Regt Arrived this Day, are to Parade and be Reviewed, a Return According to the form which shall be Given in the Quarter Master Genl Office and to Attend at Head Quarters at 10 Clock to Receive Instructions about Quartering his Regt

At the Same time to Assure that the first Man Guilty of the like Action Shall be Punished to the Utmost Rigour of the Martial Law, A Serj^t and twelve Men to Patrole from Sun Set Every Hour Round the Retiring or Drain Houses and take up all Rioters they are to Patrole Every Hour untill 12 O Clock

Sir New York 26 Feb. 1776

You are with the Party under your Command not Only to Escort the Cannon as far as it goes by Water but you are to Proceed afterwards as Long as the Committee demande your Assistance for forwarding the Cannon by Land, your are to Do all the Necessary works in Clearing the Roads in Order to facilitate their March so fast when the Committee want Assistance from your Party, no Longer than Necessary, they are to Certify it in writing you are then to Joyn your Reg^t

To Capt. Brown Charles Lee Maj^r Gen^l

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Parole Livingston Head Quarters N. Y. 27th Feb. 1776

Countersign Brice Roome. its Wrote two times

The Guard and fatigue as Usual it is with the Greatest Concern that the General has been Squabbles and Animosities Arising betwn Different Corps under his Command, Such Animosities are most Dangerous to the Common Cause and betray a very wicked Disposition in those who Engage in them — he is particularly Concerned to hear that the Connecticut Regt with

(17) 1776

Annapolis Head Quarters N.Y. 28 Feb

Counterfeign Cook

The Governor Tryon has thought proper most Absolutely and Dishonestly to Violate the Compact, the Officers of the Coast Guard is to Suffer no Boat of any Kind to go on Board Either the Cutter of Gordan or the Man of War Capt. Wards on Long Island is to Suffer no Boat to Pass

Isaac Sears Depy. Adjt. Genl.

Sir N.Y. 29th Feb 1776

You will Please to Order a Proper Escort with Ensign Manning to Conduct Mr. Hanff. & Remarkable unruly Tory in to Connecticut than to be Delivered into the Hand of the first Committee of that Province Sir Waterbury Charles Lee Majr Genl

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Parole Woodhull / Head Quarters N.Y. 1st March 1776
Countersign Scott

One Capt. two Subalterns one Hundred Men to Canada to Morrow morning at eleven O Clock for Fatigue they are to take their Directions from Commissary Hughs Two Artilery Officers are to attend

A Subaltern Officer and Thirty Men to Parade to Morrow at ½ past Eight and they will Receive their Instructions

Parole Thomas / New York 2 March 1776
Countersign Nelson

As it is Necessary that the works would go on as fast as Possible, the fatigue Parties as usual to Morrow

A Officer for the fatigue in the Day time to Receive a Prisoner in his Guard Room unless he Receives the Crime in writing a Garrison Court Martial is to set on Morrow to try all Prisoners brought before them &c. &c. to be Summoned

Head Quarters 3 March 1776

Parole Milford
Countersine Rush

a Subaltern and twenty men to Escort the three Waggons to Stanford in Connecticut Where they are to Deliver them into the hands of the Committee - - - - - - -

The Genl Court martial of which Colo M.Dougale was President is approved of and Dissolved and the Different Sentences to be put into Execution to morrow morning at nine Oclock; Colo Varnums Regt of minute men To parade at ten Oclock none of this Regt to do Duty to morrow they must prepare their packs in order to march To Horners Town after passing Reviewed, proper proportion of Amunition. Genl Lee flatters himself that Colo Varnum and his Corps will be active in finishing that Important post as it properly will be soon be in the most Service use of Colo Varnums Character and that of his officers gives the Genl a Confidance that he shall have no roome to Complean on this Subject —

The Gen. Court Martial held at Fort Constitution of which Colo. Nicks was president is proved of and Dissolved by the Sentence of this Court Martial - - - - - - - -

Erwine Goodgam is broke for a Breach of the 6th Article of War and Declared unworthey of the Honnour of bearing a Commission in the Service of this Country - - -

The Earl of Sterling is promoted to the Rank of Brigadier Genl. in the Armey of the united Colonies and is to be obeared as such - - - - - - - - - - - - -

Head Quarters 4th March 1776 —

Parole Dican
Countersign Jay } The Genl. Garrison Court martiale of which Capt. Morris was president is Dessolved and approved of but as the prisoner Mr. Donnell Dunnhency seems to be a Disorder of a heating nature the General Instead of the Lashes he has Sentenced to Receive Immajeno that a Cooling diet of Bread and water may be more Serviceable he is therefore to be Executed his

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A Grand Night Gaurd, is to be mounted
Every Evening, near the Citty Hall, to Consist
of one Capt.n three Subaltons four Serj.ts four
Corporals one Drum and Sixty Privates,
from which a Patrole, of one Serj.t one
Corporal and Twelve Privates, are to Patrole
all the Great Streets, of the Citty, to Quell
Riots and to take Prisoners every Person
of Disorderly Behaviour, they are also to Succ
any of the Other Gaurds that Stands in need
of it. That a Regimential Court Martial,
of the first Regiment, of New Jersey, be held
this Day Containing a Capt.n and three Subaltons
to try Such Prisoners, as by the Rules of
the Army are triable, by a Regemential
Court Martial, the Court to Sett at Twelve
O Clock, this Day in the Orderly Room
of the Lower Barracks

Head Quarters March 19th 1776

Patrole Washington
Countersign Marston } Evening Orders

Guards and Fatigues as usual, the Two Compa-
nies of Artificers that Arrived this Day
from New Jersey are to Parade on the Grand
Parade at Twenty Minutes after Eight and to be Distributed
at the Different Batteries and Platforms
to forward those works as the Chief Engineer
will Direct: all the Other Troops Arrived and
that may Arrive are Immediately after they
are Reviewed by Col. Gates, to Proceed to the
works Assigned them by the Chief Engineer

The Field Officer to Morrow
is Major Vernon
Adj. Lea! Clough

Col Scaw is Desired to Imploy as many Blacksmiths, or Other fitt Persons, who are Acquainted with Drilling the Cannon, to Open those in the Citty, and if he finds it Necessary he is to Impress, and Command, so many of them as will make up a Sufficiancy, to Drill all Cannon as will Require it, as soon as Possible, and if he finds it Necessary, he may Apoint the Guard to Keep them Strictly and Industriously, at the Service. until they are Compleated under the care of Capt. Dallam.

Field Officer for to Morrow Lea! Col. Baily

Adj! M.Carman

Head Quarters 19 March 1776

Morning Orders

The Commanding Officer, of every Corps, now in Town or that may hereafter arrive, is to have it in View. that their men Carefully Preserve every Barrack furniture, and tools of Intrenchment, and to take care that they may Deliver up to the Commissary, at the End of their Service, every Article they have Received, as they may be Assured, that every Deficiency that may happen will be Deducted out of their Pay

It is therefore Recommended, to Every Commanding Officer to Appoint a Prospher Person to have Inventaries, of what they Receive, and get a Receipt, for what they ~~Receive~~ Deliver Signed by the Commissary

It is Recommended to all Officers, to ~~wear~~ no Other Side Arms than their Bayonets,

Head Quarters 10 o'Clock at Night March 29th 1776

Distribution of the Parties for Fatigue

The Granadeers at the Battery the first Batalion of the New York Artillery Militia at the Hospital

The 2d Battalion of the Troops at Byard's Field Col. Waterbury at the Ship Yard Battery, the Rear of the Town Ward Reg.t Barracks

in the Three to Ten Companies each Day

The First Batelion of New Jersey at the Battery between Williams House and the Granadeer Battery the Companies last Arrived from Esex in New Jersey to go to the Grand work at Long Island

Captain Company of Artificers to go to Long Island Capt.n Post as early as Possable to Morow morning to Send Over timber large timber Plank and Every Other thing Necessary for Platforms which they are to Execute

Capt. Studleys Company of Artificers are to
Assist where Occasion may Require According
to the Direction of the Chief Engineer ——
Capt. Bowles Company of Artificers, are to on
Laying the Platforms making the Naval
Defence and Such Other works as they are
Appointed to by the Chief Engineer ——
Captn Badlam who Commands the ~~Artificers~~
Artillery ~~——————~~ will carry Every matter under his
Directions ~~including~~ the Laboratory to go on
with the utmost Alacrity all the Remainder of
the Troops are to be Employed in the woods mak
ing Faschines and Cutting Pickells ——
Col. Swartout to furnish a Capt. Three Subals
and four Serjts Four Corpls One Drum
and Sixty Privates for the Grand Night
Gard and to Parade at ~~Eight~~ 6 Oclock to
Morrow Afternoon ——

Head Quarters March 20th 1776,

Parole Hancock
Counter sign Washington

Field Officer to Morrow Col. Mr Dougha.

The Adjt. Mr. Webb

General Thomson is Just Arrived in Town he being the Eldest Brigadeer Genr takes the Command

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Guards and Fatigues at Nyal

New York March 21st 1776 (Artillery

A Return to be made Every Sunday at Orderly time) of Each Company of Artilery that is raised or Raising for the Continental, or Provincial Service) Specifying The Numbers of Each Rank, that are for Duty and the Number Sick Present and Absent, on Furlough, and on Command; Also the Number Enlisted in the Course of that week, or since the last Return, This to be Signed by the Capt. or Commanding Officer and Sent to my Quarters at the time above Mentioned

J. Gadsden Commandt of Artilery

Head Quarters New York 24th 1776

The Honorable Continental Congress, taking in Consideration, of the Merits and Service he has Rendered his Country, has thought Proper to to Appoint Mathias Ogden Esqr Lea! Col. of the first Batalion, of the New Jersey Troops, and he is to Obeyed as Such

Captin Peter Scull is Appointed Brigade Majr to General Thompsons Brigade and as Such he is to be Obeyed

A Court of Inquiry Consisting of One Col and Six Captains, to Sett to Morrow at 10 Clock in the forenoon to Inquire into the Conduct of Capn Conway and Ensign Copsin both of the first Reg of New Jersey Troops Commanded by Col Winds The Court of Inquiry setts at Jams

Colo Dougall — Capt Ledyard
New Jersey Regt — Capt Monis
New England D — Capt Howell
Capt Reed
Capt Reed
Dutchess County — Capt Schenk

Sir

New York March y^e 30^th 1776

I must Request you (with a Number of such men of your Company's, you think will answer the Purpose) To come to the wharf (opposite to S^t Paul's Church) at the North River, to Assist a Party of men, in Shiping a number of Cannon on Board a Vessel,

They being unacquainted with the Busness

Badlam Comm^d^r
of Artillery

To Lieu^t Johnson
of the Artillery

Head Quarters New York March 30^th 1776

Evining Orders

Parole woodbee Countersigns Carrole

Guards and fatigues as usale

The field officer is Col^o Woodbridge and Adj^t M^r Sinklar

Orders that all the Adj^ts for the future are to a

Send for Orders

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Head Quarters New York March 31 1776

Morning Orders

The Commande of the Army at New York (for the Present) Being Devolved upon Brigadier General Heath He finds himself Happy in having for his Colleagues General Thompson and Lord Sterling as the Ministerial Troops have Evacuated Boston taking Shipping and the Race of those Destination uncertain And as much thow is some Probabilety that New York may Be these Object, the General Strongly Recommends to the Officers of all Ranks Exert themselves In Preparing for the most Vigorous Defence should the Enemy attempt a Landing in this Place and in Order That there may be a proper Disposition of the Army to the Different Posts the Cols or Commanding Officer of Each Regiment or Corps will not fail to make an Exact Return to Morrow at Orderly Time of the Strength of his Regiment Or Corps a Strict attention must also be Paid to the State of the Arms and Ammunition of the Several Regiments and every Precaution taken to Prevent Surprise

Time Sence, for the Distinction of the Severale Ranks of
Officers in the Armey, Directed that field Officers wear in there
Hatts red or some colour Cockades, the Capts yellow and Subalterns Green the
Officers will Conform to this order, and all others are forbed
Wearing of them of those Colars the Guards and the
Reigments and Corps in Camp will be under Arms in there
Reigmentals Parade
And the Guards Before there respective Guard Bowses at
Revellea and there Remain untill Sun Rise
Alarm Post will soon be Assigned to Each Reigment
which they Will Constantley Man at the before
mentioned time

New York April y^d 1^st 1776

A Court Martial of the the Corps of Artilery to Sit
tomorrow Morning at Ten O Clock, at Capt Hamiltons
Quarters for the Trial of John Carnes, in Capt
Hamiltons Company, who is Confined by his Captains
for Insolent Behaviour & Disobediance of Orders,
The Evidences to attend the Court

Capt Dana President, and two Subalterns
from Each Company to attend as Members

Ordered by me I Badlam Comm^d
of Artilery

The Detachment that was Ordered from Capt Hamilton's Company to attend near the Continental Store, Every Morning at Troop Beating, is for the Future to be Exempted from that Duty.

April 1st. 1776 J Badlam Commd. of Artilery

Head Quarters New York April 2 1776

Morning Orders

Parole Cambridge Countersign Salem Major Dehart

Field Officer for the Day to Morrow and the

Majr: M Pinklar

The Commanding Officer of Each Regiments & Corps Will Send to the Town Major a Return at Orderly time the Names of the Wards and Street in which the Regiments & Corps is Quartered the Commanding Officer of Each of the Established Regiment will Pay Particular Attention in the disipline

Parole Lee Head Quarters N York Sept 4th

Counter sign Moore

The Field Officer for the day Tommorrow is Col Paterson And Adjutant Mr Walker

Guards as usual

Fatigue As Many Men As the Engineers Can Employ to Advantage In Order to Sink the Cannon

A Morning and evening Gun is to be fired every day Until the Whole Are Cleared

Head Quarters New York April 5th 1776

General Order by the Hon.ble Major Gen.l Putnam Counter sign Castle

The General finding it Necessary for the Sake of Good Order And Discipline, that there should be no Strowling through the Streets after Taboo Beating for That Purpose Has Acquainted the Inhabitants they Cannot Pass the Centries Without the Countersign The officers are Immediately to Acquaint their Men

That at the Beating of Tattoo they are to Retire to & Remain in their Barracks, All Soldiers found Strouling are to be Confined, and may depend will be Made Examples of The Officers of the Standing Army are to Continue to Inlist from the Militia such able Bodied Men as are Willing to Serve during the Campaign The General Strictly Enjoins the Officers to live in the Strictest peace and amity With the Inhabitants, And to Prevent any Insult Being offerd them by the Soldiers. Agreable to the Orders of 2d Inst. 1 Sub 1 Sergant and 12 Privates of Capt Deanes Company of Artillery And 1 Capt 2 Sub 2 Serg.ts Fife and Drummer 50 Rank and file to March tomorrow Morn.g to Fort Montgomery they are Immediately to apply to the Quarter Master General Who will See a Vessel Provided to Carry them up the River - - Capt Dickson of Daytons Regim.t With his Company to March Tomorrow Morning to take Boat at Dunlaps Ferry the Adjutants are to be

(torn & copied on a new leaf)

Artillery department, Arsenal at New York April the 4th 1776 The enemy are daily expected & as there is a great deficiency in the art of gunnery it is of the highest importance that every officer should endeavour to obtain & diffuse that art to the utmost of his power; & measures will be immediately taken to give instruction in experimental & practical knowledge; and the Captain Commandant observes with deep concern & regret that the idle and dangerous custom of playing and gambling with Cards is prevailing among the gentlemen soldiers of the artillery in such a degree as to deprive them of that rest which is necessary to fit the soldier for duty; & the Centinals whose duty it is to watch the movements & notice the approach of the enemy, and preserve order in the Camp, are found sleeping upon their posts and exposing themselves to the highest degree of

of punishment and the whole Camp, their Country and everything they hold dear to the Ravages of an enemy which is driven over an extensive ocean to Shackles ~~as~~ with the which bind themselves in Slavery

Those who are willing to employ their Leisure hours in acquiring knowledge in the profession, or fit them for the business of life, & set a worthy example to their brethren in arms. shall have the best instruction circumstances can permit, but must all expect soon to be separa in different forts & departments where every Offic ought to have such qualifications as will fi him for important Seperate Commands; first Obedience to the orders of Superior Officers though of Inferior qualification must be punctually an explicitly obeyed as the only rule which ca make an army formidable & happy.

Stephen Badlam Capt Com. of Artillery

Capt Hamilton is this Day to take Charge of the Cannon Mounted on Mc dougals & Colonties Battery, And a Detachment of one Subaltern one Sirgeant one Corporal & 12 Matrosses; from Capt Danas Company is to take Charge of the Cannon Mounted on Sterlingo Battery at Long Island, [redacted] Capt Danas With the remainder of his Company (Besides the Detachment who is to go up the North River) is to take Charge of the Cannon in Waterburigo Battery. An Orderly Sirgeant from Each Company of Artilery in New York is to Attend at my Quarters Every Day at Three O Clock, to receive Orders

New york April ye 5th 1776

S Badlam Comd of Artilery

Capt Badlam approves the Sentence of the Court Martial whereof Capt Hamilton was President for the trial of John Eames as far as he thinks his power extends, but instead of turning him over to an other Regiment will report him to General Wearth & his Order with direct in the case

Head Quarters 6th April 1776

Morning Orders

A Capt.s Company from Gen.l Heath's Brigade properly officered to March Tomorrow to Hoerns Hook and Relieve the Two Regiments of Minute-Men Now on that Station Capt.n Badlam is Immediately to Examine the Fort at Hornes Hook and make a Return of what Artillery and ammunition is Wanting for that fortress and to order the two Field Pieces now there into the City He is to apply to Coll.o Liv.n Livingston for Two Brass Field Pieces, No Soldier in the standing Army is permitted to Hire Another Man to take his Place Without first Obtaining leave of the Commanding officer of the Regiment, Nor is the Co.e to grive leave for an Exchange Unless the Man Applying is an Invalide and Can get an able Bodied Man in his Room

Parole New York. Countersign New Jersey

Whereof Colo. Stark was President for Behaving
In a Scandilous Infamous Manner Such as is unbecom
ing the Character of an Officer and a Gentleman
The Prisoner Pleading Guilty the Court Are Unanim
ously of Opinion the Prisoner be Discharged from
the Continental Army, The General Approves
the Sentince, and Orders it to take Place Immediately
And the Prisoner to leave the the Camp Immediately
By way of Kings Bridge. Brigade Major Henly
Having lost a Pistol Brass Barrelled and Mounted to
the Same, Whoever Shall Return it to General Heath
Shall have a handsome Reward, and no Questions asked
The Brigade Party to Parade at 6 o'Clock to morr
ow Morning to Relieve those on Governor's Island
If there is any good Gardiners in the Regiments, the Gen.
Orders the officers to Send them to Head Quarters to
Morrow Morning at Nine o'Clock All Prisoners to
Be tryed by a general Court Martial Are to be
Confined at the Main Guard and No Others
Each Regiment is to Appoint a Regimental Court
Martial to try all Prisoners Whose Crimes can come

The officers of the Several Guards are to be punctual in Making their Returns to the Main Guard Every Morning as Soon as they are Relieved — And he Immidiately to Make his Report to the officer of the Day —

Head Quarters 10th April 1776

Parole Gates —

Countersigns

The field officer for the Day Tomorrow Colon. Swarton & his adjutant — The Arrival of Brigadier Gen. Sullivan Makes it Necessary for a New arrangement of the Brigades in the following Manner —

Gen. Heath Gen. Sullivan

Colon. Greaton — Colon. Read

Paterson — Nixon

Bond — Sarle

Baldwin — Glover

Brewer

Genl. Thompson Genl. Sterling

Colon. Hand — Colon. M. Dougall

Webb — Ward

Wynds — Dayton

Wayne — Hitchcock

Colon.ᵉ Sullivan — Talcott and Swarthouts Regiments of Militia to hold them in Readiness to be Dismissed for that Purpose they are to Return to the Commissary of Stores & Have Ammunition agreable to the Order of the 7th Inst.ᵗ & the Colonels Webb, Wind, Wayne to March Immediately and Join their Brigadeer Long Island

Head Quarters 11th April 1776

Parole Hartford

Countersigns Cambridge ——

Notwithstanding Repeated Orders that the officers of every Rank should take particular Care that no Insults be offered The Inhabitants by the Soldiers the General has had Repeated Complaints that the Ladies in Walking the Streets are frequently Insulted —— He therefore expressly Commands the Officers of every Rank to be very attentive in Suppressing such Scandalous Behaviour ——

Any Officer Who Sees or hears of any Such Conduct and does Not Immediately take Notice of it Will be Arrested & Tried for Disobedience of Orders and Countinancing Soldiery in Insulting and abusing Inhabitants ——

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This Order to be Read every Morning at the Head
Of the Regiment Any Soldier found Guilty of a Breach
Where of May Depend on the Severest Punishment ——

Philip Jothins Brought before a General Court
Martial of Which Colonel Starks was President And
Charged with Rioting, No Evidence Appearing the Court are
Of Opinion he Should be Released from his Confinment
The General Approves thereof And Orders he Should
Be Immidiatly Discharged from the Guard ——

Head Quarters 8th April 1776

Camp Philadelphia
Cambridge Virginia ——

The following Alterations to be Made in the Brigades
Colonel M Dougall's Regiment to Join General
Heaths And Colonel Ballefons Regiment Lord Stirlings
The four Companys of Rifflemen Viz Captains
Stephenson, Williams, Bellins and Nelson Due to
Join Lord Stirlings Brigade ——

All the Regiments and Companies Under the Immediate

General Washington

Head Quarters 14th April 1776

Parole New York

Countersign Prosperity

The General Compliments the Officers who have Successively Commanded at this Place, and returns his thanks to them and to All the Officers and Soldiers under their Command for the many Works of Defence which have been so Expeditiously Erected And Doubts Not but the Same Spirit and Zeal for the Service Will Continue to Animate future Conduct, Expects Returns of All the Regiments and Corps to be Made up and Sent to the Adjutant General as soon as Possible the Commanding Officers at the Out posts are also to Send a Report of the Number Under their Command Where and how Disposed of Separate Returns also of all the Ordinance in Military Stores Provisions Stores in the Departments of the Quarter Master General to forthwith to be Delivered to the Commander in Chief Signed by the Proper Officers of the Head of each Department

All Persons Infected With the Small Pox are to be Immediately Removed to a Secure Place to be Provided for by the Quarter Master General, Who Will Consult the Majistrates of this City thereupon, a proper Guard to be Composed of

Men Who have had that Disorder, to be fixed at the Hospital to Prevent any Intercourse But such as the Managers shall Dicience

Daily Abstracts are to be Made Out for each Regiments and Corps In this Department to the 1st of April encluding each Months Support And Lodged With Major Harrison Ediacamp to The General, that Provisions May be Made for payment As the General is Unacquainted at Present With the Various Orders for the good Government of the Troops Here or the Reasons which Induced the giving of them It Directed That those and All General Orders be daily Attended to, and obeyed, Untill Countermanded by himself. The General flatters himself that he Shall hear no Complaints from the Citizens Of abuse or ill treatment in any Respect Whatsoever But that every Officer and Soldier of every Rank And Denomination will Deride themselves as Men Contending in the Glorious Cause of Liberty Ought to Do In an Orderly decent And Regular Deportment

One Capt four Subalterns four Sergants four Corporals Two Drums And One Hundred Men to Parade in the Afternoon At four o Clock to go as a Guard to Governors

Island Two field Officers four Captains Eight Subalt-
-erns Sixteen Sergants four Drums and Fifes and four
Hundred Men from Heathsand Lord Stirlings Brigades
to Parade at 6o Clock tomorrow Morning With three days
Provisions to go as a Working Party to Governors Island,
General Putnam will order Boats to be Ready at the ferry
to Transport them ——— For the future the Commissary
General is Not to Issue any Rum to Working parties Unless
the Returns is Signed by the Officer Commanding the
Whole Party ———

Head Quarters 15th April 1776

Parole Philadelphia
Countersign Norfolk ———

The Quarter Master General is Immediately to Provide
Transports to Convey four Regiments to Albany Poors
Patersons, Greatons, and Bonds Regiments are to hold
Themselves in Readiness to Embark at an Hours warning
& they are to take With them their Camp Equipage
Which the Quarter Master General Will furnish, taking
the Colonels or Commanding Officers Receipt for the
Tents &c Supplyed to each Corps ———

An Exact Return to be Made this evening by the Majors of Brigade of All the Guards, Where Mounted and Number of Centinels Furnished by each Guard ——

The Quarter Master Genral is Immediately to Provide Six Whale Boats for the Publick Service, he will Report When they Are Ready to be employed —— The Majors of Brigade Are to Attend At the adjutant Generals office near Head Quarters, At Eleven every fore Noon to Receive the Genral Orders of the Day, Such Brigade Majors As are at Remote Distance from the town, May Send an Orderly Adjutant to Act for Them ——— Brigadeer Genral Thompson is to Command the Brigade going to Albany, he Will Receive his Orders as Soon as the Troops Are Imbarked ———

As the Army at this Place is lately Strongly Reinforced And More of the Continential established Regiments Hourly Expected, It is No Longer Necessary to Detain Any of the Militia, Therefore Colonel Martin with the four Companies Of Militia from Sussex County in New Jersey Are Dismissed With the Genrals Thanks for the Spirit With which they Stepped forward in the Service of their Country on this Occasion And for their good Behaviour

And Service Since they Joined the Army ——

The Officers and Soldiers of Poors Patersons Greatons and Bonds Regiments to be Immediately taken off Duty Lieut. Dallis of Colonel Winds Regiment together with the Non Commissiond Officers and Men of that Corps who were Lately employed at the Laboratory in Making Cartriges are Immediately to Return to that Duty ——

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Parole New Hamshire
Countersign Falmouth

If the British Troops which Evacuated Boston or any part of them are Destined for this Place their Arrival may very Soon be expected, the Engineers and Overseers of the Works are therefore to use every possible Dispatch in Compleating them — to this end the engineers are to apply to the Adjutant General for as many men as Can usefully be employed, and he Will give Orders accordingly —— Colonel Bristols Regiment is to Encamp on Governors Island as Soon as the Weather Clears they are to give every Assistance in their Power to facilitate the Works erected thereupon ——

The Quarter Master General will furnish Straw for

The Tents And fire Works, As some Inconvenience
Have Arrisen to the Citizens of this Place by having
the Countersign demanded of them so Early as Nine o'Clock
The General Orders that Tatoo Beating be delayd for
the future till ten —— flattering himself as there is
No Distinguishing Citizens from Soldiers, Nor no other
Possible Method of Helping the Latter to their quarters,
And in Consequence from Rioting and Disorderly behaviour,
That it Will be found Less Inconvinient to the Inhabitants
To Say nothing of the Security, Which is to be derived from
it, To give the Countersign at that Hour, than to Submit to
Greater Inconveniences which May Arise out of the Neglect
of it —— after this Hour, it is Strictly enjoined upon
The Officers to See, That their Roals are Called and that the
Men are in quarters —— General Thompson will hasten
The Embarkation of the Regiments for Albany as fast as
Possible, And is to fix with the Quarter Master General
Mr Mayland, upon a time and a place for Mustering
them — that Regiments May be embarked and Sent off one
at a time, or otherwise as it can be done Quickest ——
The General to Set out with the last — the Colonels to
Prepare With their Muster Roals Immediately ——
All persons having Business with the adjutant Gen.

Are to Repair to his own office, and not to Head Qr
Quarters to transact it the General Court Martial of wch Col.
Stark was President is dissolved — the General Court
Martial to Set to morrow at Mr Trumbull's Tavern
at ten o'Clock, All Evidences and Persons Concerned to
Attend the Court

Head Quarters of Cambridge April 1776

Boston

Parole Charlestown Countersign Charlestown

The General being Informed that Many of the Houses
Taken up for Barracks are Much abused by the Soldiers
Which is a grievance that Might be prevented by the officers
Paying a proper Attention to their duty, and More Carefully
Observing the Conduct and Behaviour of their Men, the
Barrack Master is therefore ordered to place a proper
Proportion of ten officers in the Same Houses
With the Soldiers, Who are to be Answerable for
Any Mischief done, to prevent any wood being Cut
upon the Flankers, or any Water or filth being thrown out
of the Windows, As all Damage Wantonly Committed
Must be paid for out of the pay of the Men Quartered
In the Houses Where such damage is done —
The Offenders Must also Expect to Suffer a Severe

Corporal Punishment for a Breach of these Orders, the Officers are Moreover expressly ordered to See that the Men's Barracks are Kept Clean, And The General Again Urges the Necessity of the Same Cleanliness observed in the Persons of the Soldiers, Colonels And Commanding Officers of Regiments are to Exert their Utmost endeavours to Compleat their Companies to the establishment

Head Quarters 18th April 1776

Parole Rhode Island

Hopkins
Counter sign

The Honourable the Continental Congress have been Pleased to direct the thanks of the United Colonies to be Presented to the Officers and Soldiers of their Army, who With Unremitted Courage, And Perseverance Surmounted Every Effort of the enemy and every Obstacle of that Severe Climate in persisting for Eleven Months in the Blockade and Siege of Boston, And finally Forcing their enemy's to Make a Shameful and Precipitate Retreat from that Once Devoted town

This Would have Been Inserted Sooner in the General Orders, had not their Express gone to

The Isleward while the Army was upon the Main
And Arrived only last evening from Boston —

1 Sub.n 2 Serjants 2 Corp.ls 1 Drum And 24
Privates to Parade tomorrow Morning at —
Guard Mounting as a Guard to the Provost —
Marshal, The Offices is to follow such Orders
And Directions as he Shall Receive from Capt.
Mowry

Head Quarters 19th April 1776 —

Parole Stainton — Countersign Gardiner

The Colonels and Commanding Officers of Corps
Are without Delay, to Make up their pay abstracts, Agree-
-able to the Orders of the 11th And present the Same for
An Order of payment, Necessary Cloathing &c Must
Be Immediately Provided for every Regiment and Company
And the Whole to be in Readiness for Service here or Else-
-where as Occasion Shall Require, As No excuses will
Be Admitted to Retard or Prevent a March or Imbark-
-ation When Necessary to be Commanded, the Muster
Rools Must be Immediately prepared, And the —

Muster Master General, is to Muster the whole
As Soon as Possible, the Colonels who have
Recieved Money for the Purchase of Arms and Blankets
Are to Make Out the Accounts of Disbursements and
Lodge them With the Abstracts that a final Settlement
May be Made, All Persons Serving in the Continental
Army Without Commissions from the Congress Are
Desired to give in their Names and Employments
In Writing that the Propriety of their Appointments &
The Validity of their Duty May be Judged of

Major Craine to take the Command of the Continental
Artillery at New York, All Reports and Returns of that
Corps to be made to him. One Sub.r One Sergant
Two Corporals One Drum & Eighteen Privates from
General Heaths Brigade to be Sent as Soon as possible
to Montresaums Island, as a Guard for the Small Pox
Hospital, the Officers Noncommissioned officers and Soldiers
to be Men Who had the Small Pox, the Quarter Master
General to Supply a Boat and the Commissary Gen.l
Provide Provisions for the above Guard

James Britton of Capt Draper's Company in Colonel Bonds Regiment tried at a late General Court Martial, Whereof Colonel Baldwin was President for leaving his Post, When Centry, was found Guilty, By the Court, And adjudged to Receive twenty Lashes, The General Approves the Sentence, And Orders it to be Executed, at such time and place as Colonel Bond shall Direct

Head Quarters 20th April 1776

Parole Countersign

The General is Much Surprized that Notwithstanding The Orders of 14th Inst. he is Without those Orders hath Call'd for, he again Repeats the Orders, And once for all Requests that he May Not in future have Occasion to Issue Two Orders to the Same purpose, Returns from every Corps Are to be Made Regularly at Orderly time every Saturday, James Henry Sergant, Samuel Smith Sergant, John M'Kenny Corporal, and Richard Taylor Matross Belonging to the Company of Artillery Commanded by Capt Hamilton, Tryed at a late General Court

Martial Whereof Colonel Stark was President, for
Mutiny, the Court find the Prisoners James Henry and
John M.Kenny Guilty of the Charge, and therefore Sentence
James Henry to be Reduced to the Ranks and Mulcted One
Months pay, and John M.Kenny to be Reduced to a Matross,
to be Imprisoned a fortnight, the Court finding Samuel
Smith, and Richd Taylor, Guilty of Disobedience of Orders
~~The Court~~ Sentence them to be Reprimanded by the Capt at
The Head of the Company, The General Approves the
Proceedings of the above Court Martial, and Orders that
Sergant James Henry, and Corporal John M.Kenny, as
they have Not paid for their Cloathing to be Stripped and
Discharged the Company ——— And the Sentence
of the Court Martial upon Sergant Smith and Richd Taylor
to be executed Tomorrow Morning at Guard Mounting ———
Lawrence Sargueson Tryd by the above Court Martial
for Striking Lieutenant Johnson is found Guilty by the
Court and Sentenced, to Receive Twenty Lashes on his Bare
Back The General Approves the Sentence and Orders the
Execution of it Tomorrow Morning at Guard Mounting